

Trinity Episcopal Church

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the Voice



News and Views for and about The People and Friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

Priscilla's Pet Pantry

Saturdays Mornings

April 24 & May 22

8am-noon

We have been averaging about 80-100 pets per month.

With these large numbers we need more donations, and we always need plastic bags.

More volunteers are needed on every fourth Saturday from 8 - 12.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the tables and cans before Saturday and also needed to help shop for dog/cat food, then two carts can be filled rather than one. You don't have to stay the entire time, just come help for an hour, and that will help a lot.

God's Blessings,
Carol Turner

For more information go to
trinityeldorado.org

Yipee! Hallelujah! Whoopee! *In church services have resumed!*

Every Sunday at 10:15am

Father Les will continue to be here the first and third Sunday of every month. Deacon Diane Kruger will lead us on the second and fourth Sundays with either communion in the absence of the priest or with morning prayer.

Services are available via Facebook and in the parking lot on FM 87.7 every Sunday.

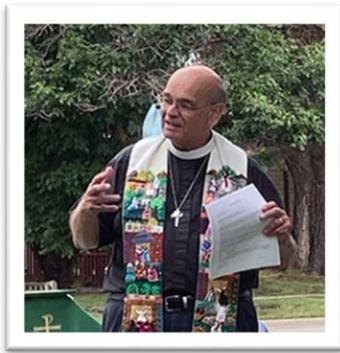


Communion in the Absence of a Priest

My hope, in returning to in-person worship, is to offer Communion every Sunday either in a full celebration of the Eucharist with a priest present or from the Reserved Sacrament. Bishop Bascom has authorized the use of "Communion in the Absence of a Priest on Sunday" and the training and licensing of "Ministers of the Word" and "Reserved Sacrament" for this purpose. The liturgy requires two trained and licensed leaders

Deacon Diana and David Reynolds are licensed to lead services.





Rectors Reflections

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable:

"A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out,

"Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant..... "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy.

But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away.

As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

Luke 8: 4-15 (Matthew 13: 1-9; Mark 4: 1-10)

Farmland and cotton crops are a woven fabric of my life. I was inodiated, as youngster, with agricultural conversations and concerns about cultivation, planting, seed quality, drought and insect resistance, yields, harvest season and of course the unpredictable weather cycle in Northwest Texas. There were long hours but seldom wasted effort or inattention to detail. Those who failed to do the hard work certainly would not benefit from having a croup to harvest. Farming directly or indirectly impacted the subsistence and



well-being of everyone in our circle of family and friends. Having offered the best efforts, we shared a hopefulness in the possibility of an abundant harvest. And some seasons exceeded expectations while many others did not regardless of the effort. We trusted our studied and intentional efforts were the best plan for an abundant harvest for the well-being of our whole community.

Jesus' followers are certainly aware of the numerous conditions and circumstances in sowing, growing, and harvesting crops. The parable or comparison Jesus gives about the "Sower and the Seed" are themes familiar to the people gathered around Jesus and throughout the rural middle East.

After all, such vocation was a primary source of human existence. Subsistence, well-being, survival all depended on the success or failure of sowing and harvesting a crop.

The comparisons, spoken and unspoken, allows us to place ourselves in the role sower and soil. First as one with the vocation of sowing the living word of God and then being the soil in which the seed is planted. The parable allows us to ask provocative questions and discern for ourselves the importance of individuals and faith communities being the sowers and growing medium for the word God.

Some have used The Parable of the Sower and Seeds recorded the gospels of Matthew Mark and Luke to justify and argue our work and efforts to build the kingdom of God is mostly wasted. This this is supposed to make us feel better!? There is a different, more challenging, and intentional way to view, and glean instructive wisdom form this parable.

What is not said sometimes speaks louder than what is said. Although Jesus does not say it in this parable, he repeatedly instructs his followers to "wake up" "stay alert", and listen if you have ears to hear. In the parable Jesus is not condoning or justifying wasted effort, inattentiveness to details or idle random practices but giving us a comparison and cautionary tale about inattentiveness to the vocation and details of sowing valuable seeds -

none other than the transforming and living word of God-valuable seed producing healing, hospitality, well-being and creating sustainability for the "kingdom of God". And warning us what happens when we carelessly sow seeds where they have little opportunity to grow to maturity.

We want and need seeds, the word of God, to germinate and take root in our hearts and shape the ethos of our being. As the Body of Christ, we have the humble vocation of sowing seed, tending and being the fertile ground seed take root in. We are different from the indiscriminate sower that carelessly scatters seeds everywhere - who does not think twice about where the seeds fall and whether they will be nurtured to maturity. Our mission must include the intentional stewardship of the valuable endangered seeds for possibility of abundant harvest to exist. It involves ground well selected and prepared, cultivated, cleared, weeded, and watered. And it is the mission, the vocation, of our churches to determine how we will go about intentionally doing this important work.

Blessings,
Les+

Amazon Smile's Charitable Giving Program



Amazon has a charitable giving program, like Dillon's, in which Trinity Episcopal Church can receive a percentage of an item's purchase price. Amazon Smile, a division of Amazon, will contribute to Trinity a percentage of your purchases when you order from **Amazon Smile rather than Amazon**.

Ordering from Amazon Smile works the same as ordering from Amazon. It uses your same account number and password, so it has all your stored addresses and payment information. If you already have an Amazon account, go to www.amazon.smile.com and log in. In the header, will be three bars that are to the left of **"amazonsmile"**. Click on the three bars. Scroll down to **"Your AmazonSmile"**. It will be towards the bottom. Click on **"Your AmazonSmile"** (toward the bottom). There is a search feature so you can search by using Episcopal or El Dorado. We are listed as **"Rector, Wardens & Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church of El Dorado KS"**. Once you find our name, select it and that will become your designated charity. Thereafter, when you order from www.amazon.smile.com, Trinity will get a percentage of the purchase price.

Prayer Requests

Anita, Becky, Beth, Brooks, Bertha, Dalinda, Danny, Dave, Denny, Eldon, Ian, Jeanette, Jerry, Joan, Kent, Marge, Nancy, Pat, Suzanne, Ralph, Robby, and Robert.



Notification of a Death of a Member

Dear Beloved in Christ, please be informed that our brother in Christ

Gerald "Gerry" Botorff

passed away peacefully on the evening of Monday, April 12

The Burial Office will be held

Friday, April 23 at 10:00am at Trinity

Mask and physical distancing are required for all attending in-person.

The service will be live streamed at www.facebook.com/Trinity-Episcopal-Church-El-Dorado-Ks-463073137044715

Please hold Gerry's family in your prayers.

Rest Eternal grant to him, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Thanksgivings

- + For the opportunity to return safely to in-person worship -- Thanks be to God!
 - + For Twila, Messila, Karen, and Margie and Cindy here at Trinity who made sure the altar was appropriately kept for Holy Week and those who assisted in setting up for our Easter Sunrise Service
 - + For Devin who assisted in hanging the banners in the Nave at Trinity
 - + For Deb & Cherilyn who provided beautiful music for our Maundy Thursday and Easter Morning Service
 - + For Heather (office administrator) who patiently proofed, reproofed, formatted, and supported the Rector's preparation for all the Holy Week Services
 - + For the anonymous and very generous gift allowing us to repair the roof here at Trinity. Thank You!
 - + For our lectors during Holy Week Carol, Mary, Fred, and Annette
 - + For Deacons Gibson and Kruger
 - + And for each of you and your faithfulness to our parishes during unprecedented time
 - + For Cherilyn for providing beautiful worship music and David and Carol for leading Morning Prayer last Sunday
 - + For Iris, Denise and David solving problems with live streaming with the Mevo Camera
- Thanks be to God!

Celebrations...

If we missed a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office so we can add it to the list. Thank you!



April Birthdays

- 3 Ben White
- 4 John Michael Calhoun
- 6 Elisa Larson
Teresa Riffel
- 14 Caspian Gilson Bauer
- 18 Father Les Jackson
- 30 Virginia Zebold
Trey Myers

April Anniversaries

- 24 Dan & Joyce Demo

May Birthdays

- 7 Preston Gilson
Denise Irwin
- 8 Sandra Adams
- 11 Brent Nearhood
- 14 Christopher Corkill
- 18 Ned Ellet
- 20 Heather Clerkin
- 23 Cherilyn Chiaro
- 26 Richard King
Katharine Goebel

May Anniversaries

- 1 Nick & Cindy Badwey
- 20 Larry & Annette Gurney
- 22 Les & Valinda Jackson
- 26 Richard & Susan King

Mother's Day
May 9



Church Care began in January of 2018 and has received lots of support. It costs approximately \$55.00 to operate the Church on a regular day.

Honor someone special, remember an important event, or just be a sponsor by signing up to cover Trinity's expenses for a particular day. Thank you to those who have participated.

All you have to do is sign your name on the calendar days that you want to take care of Trinity and send a check to the office or place it in the collection plate. Be sure to write "Church Care" on the memo line.

The "Church Care" Poster and Calendar are in the Parish Hall for your convenience. Thank you for your stewardship and care for our Church.

*Thank you to all you gave in honor of loved ones
for our beautiful Easter Lilies!*

In Loving memory of: Roy & Bernie Spratt,
Irvin & G' Ola Spratt, Paul & Anna Lou Spratt
From: Lois Spratt Balance

In memory of Lucinda Shriver Clifford

In thanksgiving From: Ned & Gail Ellet and Family

In thanksgiving From: Larry & Annette Gurney

In loving memory of: My wife Rosalee Myers
The parents & siblings of Ron & Rosalee
In thanksgiving: The children & families of Ron & Rosalee
From: Ron Myers

In loving memory of: My husband Bill Sanders
In appreciation of: My loving & caring family
From: Virginia Sanders

In memory of Olive Clifford Stone

In Thanksgiving of: The marriage of Ben to Sara Eberhardy

In loving memory: Ben & Marilyn White, Warren & Margaret Barber,
Doug White, Bill White, Brent Barker
From: Ted & Becky White





APRIL

- Sunday, April 18** 11:45am Vestry Meeting
- Thursday, April 22** Earth Day
- Friday, April 23** 10am Service for Gerry Bottorff
- Saturday, April 24** 8-12pm Priscilla's Pet Pantry

MAY

- Saturday, May 2** ECW Meeting
- Thursday, May 6** *National Day of Prayer*
7am Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
- Saturday, May 8** Southwest Convocation Meeting
via zoom
- Sunday, May 9** *Mother's Day*
- Thursday, May 13** *Feast of the Ascension*
6:00pm Eucharist on the Labyrinth
Bring your own lawn chairs
(weather permitting)
- Sunday, May 16** 11:45am Vestry Meeting
- Saturday, May 22** 8-12pm Priscilla's Pet Pantry
- Sunday, May 23** *Pentecost Sunday*
The coming of the Holy Spirit.
A day to wear red.
- Sunday, May 30** *Trinity Sunday*
- Monday, May 31** Memorial Day

JUNE

- Sunday, June 20** *Father's Day*
11:45am Vestry Meeting
- Saturday, June 26** 8-12pm Priscilla's Pet Pantry

JULY

- Sunday, July 4** Independence day
- Sunday, July 18** 11:45am Vestry Meeting
- Saturday, July 24** 8-12pm Priscilla's Pet Pantry

"For
I KNOW
the plans
I have for you,"
declares the LORD,
"... plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE."
Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

2021
Congratulations!

If you or a family member are graduating from high school or college, please contact the church office by phone 316.321.6606 or email office@tecedk.kscoxmail.com



Volunteers Needed for “Shower up”

Episcopal Social Services (ESS) Breakthrough is partnering with Shower-up, to provide showers to individuals on a weekly basis. A two (2) hour weekly commitment from 9:00AM-11:00AM on Wednesdays can aid in providing up to 15 showers to homeless individuals. Shower Up is a mobile shower program based out of Nashville, TN. In 2020, funds were raised for Wichita to have their own mobile shower unit that travels around to serve homeless in need of a shower. Breakthrough would love to be a weekly stop for the mobile shower. Volunteers are needed to help to set up the mobile shower, hand out shower supplies, clean the showers after each use, and shut down the mobile shower. Training will begin in the second half of March. It is anticipated the showers will be offered soon after.

For more information, contact **Alleshia Benward, Volunteer Coordinator/Housing Specialist, at 316-665-8613.**



Thursday, April 22

Natural Cleaning Alternatives

Want to cut out harsh chemicals from your cleaning routine?

There are plenty of natural alternatives to household cleaning supplies and using them might even save you a few dollars.

Plus, you use less plastic packaging when you make our own cleaners, rather than buying cleaners from the store.



Baking soda, something you probably have in your cupboard right now, is useful for neutralizing odors. Mix 4 tablespoons with 4 quarts of warm water, and it can help remove mess and odors from your refrigerator. It also makes stainless steel appliances shine.

White vinegar is also a staple when it comes to creating your own cleaning products. Combine one part white vinegar with one part water, the rind of a lemon, and a handful of rosemary sprigs to make a scented all-purpose cleaner. This way, you avoid artificial dyes and scents.

To make your windows crystal clear, use either half a cup of white vinegar or apple cider vinegar, two cups of water, and a quarter cup rubbing alcohol. Add your favorite essential oil to add a light scent.

While it is convenient to purchase ready-made cleaners, making your own cleaners allows you to use ingredients you are comfortable with.

**Vestry Meeting
Trinity Episcopal Church**

This Sunday, April 18

**11:45 AM
In-Person and via Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/97258761596?
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VkckU2dz09](https://zoom.us/j/97258761596?pwd=a3BTUIBFdjIGYzRManN4ZlVkckU2dz09)

**Meeting ID: 972 5876 1596
Passcode: 528733**

Dial by your location
1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

**Meeting ID:
972 5876 1596
Passcode: 528733**

Find your local number:

<https://zoom.us/u/ac0oPnlMpM>

National Day of Prayer

THURSDAY, MAY 6

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED

Becky, Beth, Brooks, Bertha, Dalinda, Danny, Dave, Denny, Eldon, Ian, Marge, Jeanette, Jerry, Joan, Kent, Nancy, Pat, Suzanne, Ralph, Robby, and Robert

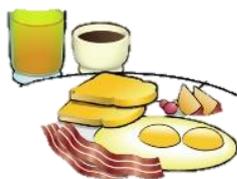
MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Breakfast & Fellowship for National Day of Prayer

7:00am

El Dorado Civic Center
201 E Central Avenue

Ticket Price | \$12



This breakfast is a way to gather those in El Dorado who have the best interest of the city at heart. We invite volunteers, citizens, city commissioners, local leaders, the mayor and more. To join together, bow their heads and pray for the future of El Dorado and its citizens. We pray the right decisions are made, the right leaders are in place and the right issues are being discussed, to better our future and the future of El Dorado.

RSVP: Eldoradochamber.com/events or call 316.321.3150

Email: reception@eldoradochamber.com

Dillons donations for the first
quarter of 2021 totaled \$68.28
Thank you!

Save the date: Kansas Episcopal Diocese Event

Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministry

Worship online

Please join us for online worship for all youth, young adults, and college students. The service will feature young people in all leadership roles, including preaching, and Mustard Seeds music.

Email kschlabach@episcopal-ks.org or text 913-708-5927 to get the Zoom link, or sign-up for text messaging.

- Sunday, May 2, 11 am
- Sunday, August 1, 11 am

If you'd like to help by being a reader, preacher, or musician, please sign-up here: <https://forms.gle/ciRpGkSDys7awP496>.

TODAY
WILL NEVER COME AGAIN.

Be a blessing.

Be a friend.

Encourage someone.

Take Time To Care.

**Let your words heal,
and not wound.**



Episcopal Summer Camp June 6-12, 2021

Where: Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale, KS

Who: Students in grades 3-12 for 2020-21 school year (you must have *finished* third grade to attend);

- Camp is NOT restricted to Episcopalians or regular churchgoers. All are welcome, so feel free to invite friends and family.
- 2021 Camp will be limited to about 122 campers (normally we have space for 220).
- All participants will need to prove COVID-19 vaccination OR a negative COVID-19 test

Cost: \$500

Payment plans are available. If you choose, UltraCamp will automatically divide the cost of camp over the remaining months between when you register and the start of camp.

Registration: [online via UltraCamp](#)

Scholarships: You can apply for scholarships on the registration form. Information about your household income will be required. Scholarships are awarded by a committee. Your parish should also be able to provide some scholarship money.

Cancellation Deadline: Two weeks prior to the start of the camp session for a 100% refund. At any time with a doctor's note for 100% refund.

We will follow the recommendations from Camp Wood YMCA and the American Camp Association (their accrediting body) to provide as safe an environment as possible, but **we know we cannot eliminate 100% of the risk.**

Read more about our specific protocols

here: <https://edokformation.wordpress.com/2021/03/22/camp-2021-covid-19-protocols/>



BE THE ONE

Be the one to empower a youth and help them realize their potential by becoming a volunteer mentor (a "Big").

Meet two of several waiting Littles in Butler County:



Camden, age 6, is funny, smart, creative, athletic, and helpful. With his Big, Camden would enjoy playing basketball, going to the movies and the park, and getting ice cream. When he grows up he wants to be like Steph Curry and play basketball.



Jasmine, age 10, likes to play basketball, bowl, soccer, cheerleading, listen to music, go swimming, watch YouTube and read. Her favorite books are about dogs. With her Big, she wants to go out to eat, play outside, watch movies, or bake cookies. When she grows up, Jasmine wants to be a Kindergarten teacher.

Contact us today!

kansasbigs.org/be-a-big

Bits & Pieces

Worth celebrating...

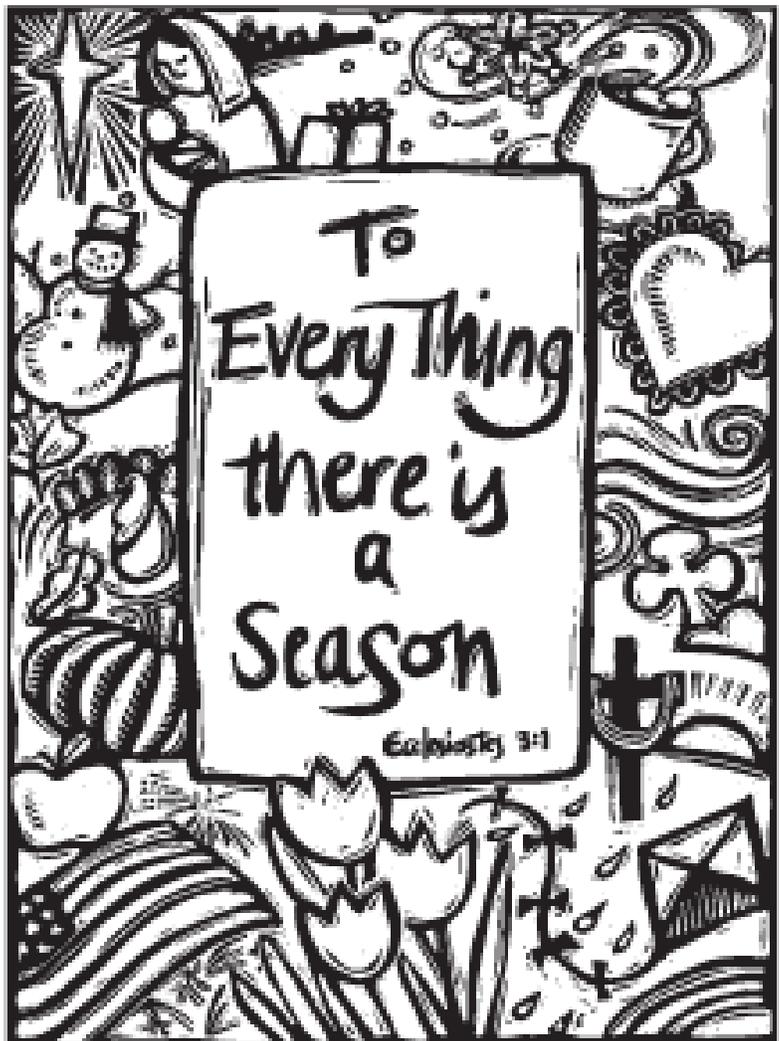
While going through the so-called "daily grind," it's fun to anticipate special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries and holiday meals – especially when other people cook and clean up! Although every day is full of countless reasons to rejoice, we may not always feel like celebrating. Life's concerns pile high, distracting us from gratitude, joy and intentional acknowledgment of our blessings.

When you need a reason to smile and celebrate, head to NationalDayCalendar.com. Almost every food item and hobby now has its own day, and you'll even find gems such as National Be Late for Something Day (September 5, if you want to plan ahead!).

These fun "occasions" can help you embrace small joys and may even inspire you to celebrate them with family or friends. As you do, consider what it is about today and each gift from God that makes this day special.

KINDNESS

Kind hearts are the gardens.
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers.
Kind deeds are the fruits.
Take care of your garden
and keep out the weeds.
Fill it with sunshine,
kind words and kind deeds.



Schedule for Sunday Servers April & May

APRIL 2021	Date	Lectors	Counters	Ushers
4 th Sunday	18th	David Reynolds	Christie Reynolds Cindy Badwey	Glenda Giro Carol Turner
5 th Sunday	25th	Lorraine Huntoon	Annette Gurney Ted White	Annette Gurney

MAY 2021	Date	Lectors	Counters	Ushers
1 st Sunday	2nd	David Reynolds	Christie Reynolds Cindy Badwey	Cindy Badwey
2 nd Sunday	9th	Carol Turner	Ted White Christie Reynolds	Ted White
3 rd Sunday	16th	Annette Gurney	Annette Gurney Cindy Badwey	Glenda Giro
4 th Sunday	23rd	Lorriane Huntoon	Ted White Christie Reynolds	Carol Turner
5 th Sunday	30 th	David Reynolds	Annette Gurney Cindy Badwey	Annette Gurney

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