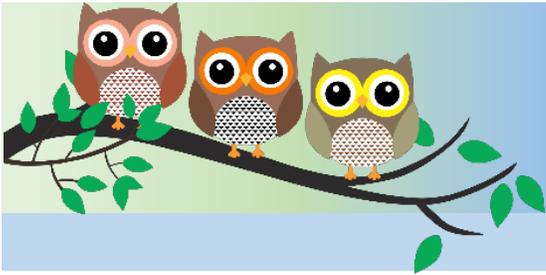


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# the Voice



news & views for and about  
the people & friends of Trinity

March 2022

## Where Your Heart is

“Don’t hoard treasures down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or-worse! -stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasures in heaven, where it’s safe from moth and rust and burglars. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your treasurer is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

Matthew 6:19-21

*“The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language”*



The gospels confront us with uncomfortable and countercultural teaching about how Jesus’ followers are to address the habit of accumulation, attachment to possessions and affluence in God’s kingdom come near. For example, the young rich ruler who inquires of Jesus about inheriting eternal life is lacking one thing, one thing is weighing him down and obscuring eternal life-one thing beyond faithfully keeping the commandments.

Jesus tells him “Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor and, you will have treasurer in heaven.” The ruler is “saddened,” “distressed”, at Jesus’ request to divest, to engage in purgation, purging, removing, or emptying oneself of attachments and possessions keeping him from meeting God, as the source of life, with his whole self. (Luke 18:18-25)

The young rich ruler is only one example among many addressing our dependence on possessions and trust in God.

The problem is not the possessions themselves, but the complex layered relationship with our possessions in a world where significant need exists to sustain people, and communities while those of us richly blessed disparately “cling to all our stuff”. Clinging, stockpiling, and hoping to achieve some sense of security amid uncertainty. Sadly, our motives are driven by fears, and a sentimentalize hope for security in our accumulated stuff-we fear we will not fit in or belong with the “right people”, we fear we will not have enough, or worse yet, we fear we are not enough. Pretense, appearances, defensive othering (better than or its opposite not being good enough), power, status, and prestige are all woven into the complex relationship of our accumulation of stuff. This exhausting “cycle of dissatisfaction” keeps us purchasing stuff hoping for a different outcome, but it’s always the same- the more we have the more we want. We were unable to purchase “eternal life”, inner peace or ease the void in our soul. The young ruler was willing to follow some rules, but unwilling to surrender his perceived security or treasure, and place his trust and fidelity in God’s provision for him.

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Interestingly, "our treasures" and "our hearts" are intertwined. The connection between treasures and hearts reveals who and what is significant and important to us and impacts how we'll structure our lives and relationships. "For where your treasurer is, there your heart will be also-it is the place you will most want to be, and end up being."

God wants nothing less than our hearts and to be the inner source of our outward actions and not some collected possession. Father Pedro Arrupe J.S. writes, "Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evening, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything." This is not sentimentalism or an attempt to reduce faith to "positive feelings"-authentic love never is. In scripture, our hearts are more than emotional attachments or feelings. They are the site of our convictions, values, thought processes, and identity as beloved children of God. And, yes, what we love and value changes everything.

Blessings,  
+Les

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## ***Prayer Chain***

*If you have a request for prayers, please contact the church office 316.321.6606.*

## ***Prayer Requests***

David, Becky, Christie, Taylor & Logan and their newborn Oaklyn Mae. Pray for our country, government, city and state. The people of Ukraine and all those suffering from oppression, strife and violence.

## ***Thanksgivings***

The word Eucharist means "Thanksgiving". When we gather around the altar to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we are offering our thanksgiving for the gifts received from God as revealed in his son Jesus and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are thankful for the gift of communion "with union" with God and each other, the gift of renewed life, well-being, hope and courage to love and serve each other. And, identifying as a eucharistic people, we give thanks for the gifts offered in sustaining our mission, ministry, and spiritual life. The celebration around the altar is both a model and central reality for our lives. Here's my list of thanksgivings.

- For all those who have remained and continue faithful with their time, talents, and resources during the pandemic. Thank you!
- For Ted, David and Jason problem solving sound issues for our live stream on Facebook.
- For David, Carol, and Deacon Diane who faithfully led "Communion in the Absence of a Priest".
- For Trinity's Tea-Time Literary Society and their outreach to others who enjoy reading and fellowship.
- For Carol and her Priscilla's Pet Pantry volunteers and donors distributing pet food to those in need. Pets are God's gift of loyal and faithful companionship. Thanks for your ministry.
- For all those who offer hospitality in our parishes. Thanks be to God!
- And for each of you and your faithfulness and steadfast stewardship. Thanks be to God!



# From the Bishop

The Right Reverend Cathleen Chittenden Bascom  
Tenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

Dear Beloved members of the Diocese of Kansas,

As we witness the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and wonder what the radiating seismic impacts may be, we are reminded that in the Risen Presence of Jesus we have a Living Hope. These verses of *1 Peter*, addressed to people dispersed and disenfranchised by political turmoil and violence, speak to me today:

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5*

Our Living Hope includes prayer. Let us pray as individuals and in our parishes for the people of Ukraine and all of those involved in this conflict. I ask all parishes to include prayers for Ukraine, for leaders of state and the military, for all those affected by the conflict, and for peace. Please include these prayers in the Prayers of the People this Sunday and throughout Lent. Of course there are wonderfully appropriate prayers in our own Book of Common Prayer.

*O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that, being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the leaders of Ukraine and Russia, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen. - BCP 820*

*Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. - BCP 816*

Our staff has also gathered prayers that can be accessed on our [diocesan website](#).

Our Living Hope also includes care for those who suffer. As needs become known and avenues of aid become apparent, I ask parishes to remain open to the sharing of resources widely. Care also for those who suffer anxiety or personal grief. As part of the world-wide Anglican Communion, we have a network of support in such times. I commend both [Episcopal Relief and Development](#) and [Episcopal Migration Ministries](#) as meaningful ways to respond to this conflict. Both of these organizations are positioned to help those directly affected in the region. Our Living Hope includes advocacy. Please remain in contact with our national leaders and those making decisions for the welfare of the world. May your Christian values guide communication with them.

As the Apostle wrote, may grace and peace be yours in abundance, +Cathleen

[Read Article from the ENS Episcopal News Service](#)

## COVID Update

On February 25, the CDC updated its COVID-19 guidance and has changed which indicators it uses for guidance. The new guidance looks at hospital utilization to determine best-practices for masking and other mitigation measures.

### Bishop Bascom's January 20, 2022, guidance update stands:

Trinity will be following the CDC's adjusted guidance; with the numbers in Butler County decreasing, we will no longer be under a masks mandate.



**Every Sunday at 10:15am**

Father Les will lead us in the Holy Eucharist the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.

Deacon Diane Kruger, David Reynolds & Carol Turner will lead us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

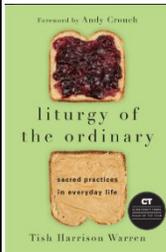
Join us every Sunday following the service for coffee & fellowship.

## BIBLE STUDY

### *Sunday Mornings*

9:00-9:45am

Lenten Book Study:  
*Liturgy of the Ordinary*



### *Thursday Mornings*

10:30-12:00pm

A study through the Gospel of Mark



Honor someone special, remember an important event, or sponsor to cover Trinity's expenses for a particular day. It costs approximately \$55.00 to operate the Church on a regular day.

Contact the church office for the day(s) 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.

## *Altar Guild Servers*

March: Cindy Badwey, Carol Turner, Becky White

April: Lois Balance, Kathleen Mabry, Glenda Giro

## *Altar Guild Help Needed*

We are in need of a couple of individuals to help our Altar Guild hang banners. If you are available to help please contact the church office or Gail Ellet.

## *Inquirer's & Confirmation*

- Would you like to learn about the Baptismal Covenant, the Way of Love, and the Episcopal Church as preparation for Confirmation (youth or adult)?
- Are you interest in being Received into the Episcopal Church?
- Are you New? This is a great way to learn more about Trinity and the Episcopal Church.

If you are interested, please contact the church office or Father Les.



## Tea-Time Literary Society

Meets Wednesdays at 11am  
Trinity's Parish Hall

We are a small group who meets weekly to discuss books and life, to laugh together, and to support each other on our journey. We are not a church group, although we meet in the church. We share thoughts about whatever book each person is reading, but there is no one assigned book. Come when you can. Miss when you need to. You are welcome. Just walk in and meet some amazing, intelligent people.



## *2022 Directories*

Are available in the Parish Hall.

## *Rector's Office Hours*

**Wednesdays & Thursdays**

**8am-4pm**

If you would like to schedule a time for coffee, lunch or meeting, please contact Father Les or the Parish office.



## ***Flowers for Trinity***

We are asking for donations to put flowers around the building. Flowers that will attract bees & butterflies.

- Labyrnith
- Flower beds around building
- Eastside Memorial Garden

*Make checks out to Trinity and memo: Trinity Garden*

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## ***Picnic Tables***

We would like to put in an area for people to gather outside under the trees on the north side of the parking lot.

If you have a picnic table with benches that you would like to donate, please contact Gail Ellet or the office.



Amazon has a charitable giving program where Trinity Episcopal Church can receive a percentage of an item's purchase price when you order from Amazon Smile rather than Amazon.

Ordering from Amazon Smile works the same as ordering from Amazon. If you already have an Amazon account, go to [amazon.smile.com](https://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). Search "Trinity Episcopal Church of El Dorado, KS". Once you find our name, select it and that will become your designated charity.



## ***Priscilla's Pet Pantry***

**Saturdays Mornings  
March 26 | 8am-noon**

We have been averaging about 90-100 pets per month. With these large numbers we need more donations, and we always need plastic bags.

**Volunteers are always Welcome!**

Either come set up before Saturday or help on the day of. You don't have to stay the entire time, just come help for an hour.

**Thank you to everyone who has volunteered!** Kathleen, David, Edith, Ted, Virginia, Wayne, River, Valinda & Father Les.



## ***Serving the Community***

Trinity is collecting items need by the BUTLER HOMELESS INITIATIVE.

Currently needs:

1. Long underwear for both men & women
2. XL coats
3. Travel size toiletries
4. Individual servings of: fruit, applesauce, bottled water, peanut butter, and lunch items.

Bring items to Trinity Tues-Fri 9am-1pm or Sunday mornings. You can also drop off items directly at the Shelter weekdays 11am-4pm. Nazarene Church, 202 N. Taylor.

For more info: [butlerhomelessinitiative.com](https://butlerhomelessinitiative.com)

# MARCH



## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

*If we missed a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office 316.321.6606, so we can add it to the list.*

### **Birthdays**

|    |                |    |              |
|----|----------------|----|--------------|
| 11 | Rebecca Badwey | 21 | Linda Varner |
| 12 | Emily Tipping  | 26 | Devin Larson |
| 17 | Ron Myers      |    |              |
| 18 | Ashley Corkill |    |              |

### **Anniversaries**

7 Vince & Melody Haines

## **Let your life speak...**

Lenten Retreat  
with Canon Lisa Senuta  
March 11-12, 2022  
St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

## ***Lenten Retreat Opportunity***

"Let your life speak" is a Quaker saying illuminating the truth that God's life is revealed in your real life as it is. The daily grind can keep us from a sense of connection with our spiritual journey as we face unending challenges. Step out of the normal routine to nurture your spiritual hearts with a community of faith. Canon Lisa will use poetry, story, prayer, and silence to connect with your individual journey. Expect times in a big group for prayer and learning, times alone for personal guided reflection, and times in small group for sharing. In the end what you will find is that with just a little time God brings clarity, resiliency, and heart strength to move forward into the unknown with hope. My prayer is that you glimpse a new perspective of the divine thread woven in your story and discover fresh confidence to Let Your Life Speak.

Attend one or both days. RSVP: [let your life speak](#)

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church: 14301 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe KS

Friday, March 11, 6:30 - 8pm Lenten dinner following

Saturday, March 12, 9am - 2pm Lunch following

## **WEEKLY GATHERINGS**

### **Sundays**

9am - Lenten Bible Study

10:15am - Worship

### **Wednesdays**

11am - Tea-time Literary Society

### **Thursdays**

10:30am - Bible Study  
at Trinity

## **COMING THIS MONTH**

### **Lenten Bible Study Begins**

March 6 | 9am

### **Lenten Retreat**

March 11 & 12

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church  
14301 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe KS

### **Daylight Savings Time Begins**

Sunday, March 13

### **St. Patrick's Day**

Thursday, March 17

### **Lay Eucharistic Training**

Saturday, March 19 | 10am

### **Vestry Meeting**

Sunday, March 20  
following service

### **Labyrinth Spring Walk**

Sunday, March 20 | 2pm

### **Called to Common Mission Episcopal Conference**

March 25 & 26

Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral  
Kansas City, MO & online

### **Priscilla's Pet Pantry**

Saturday, March 26 | 8-noon

### **Bishop Visiting**

Sunday, March 27 | 10:15am  
Reception following



## Lay Eucharistic Training

Saturday, March 19 | 10am

If you are interested in being a Eucharistic Lay Visitor, please join us.



## Trinity Labyrinth SPRING WALK

Sunday, March 20 | 2pm

The Labyrinth is available to anyone every day of the year. We often see someone either walking the Labyrinth or sitting quietly on the benches of the adjoining garden. This provides a safe place to meditate and welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts. Uses for the Labyrinth:

- Prayer & Meditation
- Spiritual Growth & Reflection
- Healing, Forgiveness, Grief

Each person has the opportunity to use the Labyrinth for personal growth and need. You may have a different experience each time you walk the Labyrinth. Take time to reflect & listen.



## The Bishop is Visiting

Sunday, March 27  
10:15am

Right Reverend Cathleen Bascom, Vestry and Clergy invite you to come as you are and join us.  
*Reception following*

*One in the Spirit,  
One in the Lord:*  
Celebrating 20 years of  
Called to Common Mission

### Save the Date:

March 25-26, 2022

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral  
Kansas City, MO & Online

After 20 years of being in Common Mission, we will look at the history of this agreement, how it is being lived out today and how we might better live into our Common Mission in the future. This event is open to all members of your congregation.

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### Tentative Schedule for event:

Friday, March 25, 2022

1:30pm: Welcome and Opening Devotion

2pm: "The Road Well Traveled" Neil Alexander

Bishop Alexander will explore a brief overview of Lutheran-Episcopal history, review the natural alignments and predictable obstacles, and show how the process that brought us to where we are is a solid foundation to build on for further ecumenical cooperation and joint ministry.

2:45pm: "Together for Good" Stewart Lucas

The courtship was short, but it was love at first sight. It has been an unconventional relationship from the beginning: they met on March 1 and moved in together on November 1. They sold a Lutheran church, moved into the Episcopal building, and bought two more next door to expand their campus. The people of the Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter believe they are truly better together. Pastor Stewart will share the stories of grief, compromise, creativity, and growth as this 'Lutherpalian' church family begins a new visioning process seven years later to see what God has in store next.

3:45pm: "It's Your Call" Mitzi Budde

You don't have to move in together to have a relationship! Lutherans and Episcopalians are answering the call to common mission in creative ways in their local contexts - some episodic, some longer-term commitments. Prof. Budde will present some success stories, opportunities, and challenges, from ministry exchanges to mission starts, disaster relief to joint advocacy.

4:30pm Panel Discussion and Q&A with presenters

The event will be offered in a hybrid format, in-person at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, MO, and on Zoom. *Registration will be available soon!*



# APRIL

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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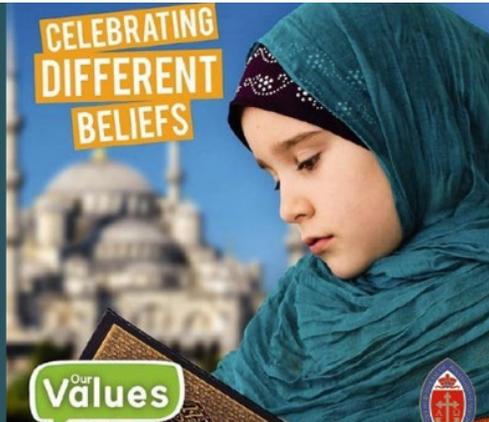
### Birthdays

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3 Ben White                     | 14 Caspian Gilson Bauer          |
| 4 John Michael Calhoun          | 30 Virginia Zebold<br>Trey Myers |
| 6 Elisa Larson<br>Teresa Riffel | <b>Anniversaries</b>             |
| 18 Father Les Jackson           | 24 Dan & Joyce Demo              |

## Women's Summit

April 22-23, 2022  
St. James, Wichita

"Nothing will bring world peace faster than the opening of our lives to cultures and religions unlike ours."  
~Sister Joan Chittisten



## Save the date for the Women's Summit

This event will be offered in a hybrid format, in-person at St. James Episcopal Church in Wichita, KS, and on Zoom.

Flyers are available outside the Parish Hall. Register online: [edok.formstack.com/forms/2022womenssummit](http://edok.formstack.com/forms/2022womenssummit)

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Garage Sale | Saturday, June 25

As you begin your spring cleaning, set items aside for Trinity. Your stuff maybe someone else's treasure! Items can be dropped off in the old youth room upstairs. We will not be collecting clothes at this time. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Gail Ellet or the office.

### Ice Cream Social | Sunday, August 14

This is an opportunity to invite our neighbors, friends and community! If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Gail Ellet or the church office.

## WEEKLY GATHERINGS

### Sundays

9am – Lenten Bible Study  
10:15am – Worship

### Wednesdays

11am – Tea-time Literary Society

### Thursdays

10:30am – Bible Study

## COMING IN APRIL

### Lenten Bible Study

April 3 & 10  
9am

### Palm Sunday

April 10

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14  
6:30pm Service

### Good Friday Services

Friday, April 15

### Noon

Community-wide Service  
at First United Methodist

### 6:30pm Service

at Trinity

### Easter Sunday

April 17 | 10:15am

### Priscilla's Pet Pantry

Saturday, April 23 | 8-noon

## Staff & Leadership

The Rev. Les Jackson, *Rector*  
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Heather Clerkin, *Office Admin*  
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