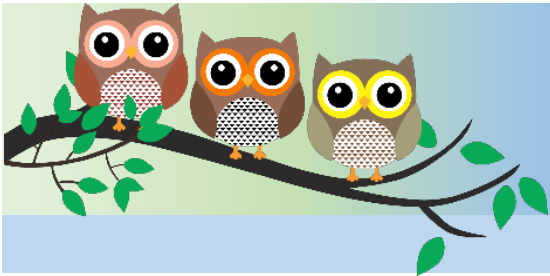


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news & views for and about
the people & friends of Trinity

August 2022

The Stones



The religion scholars and the Pharisees led in a woman who had been caught in adultery. They stood her in plain sight of everyone and said, "Teacher, this woman was caught red-handed in the act of committing adultery. Moses, in the law, gives orders to stone such a person. What do you say?" They were trying to trap him into saying something incriminating so they could bring charges against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger in the dirt. They kept at him, badgering him. He straightened up and said, "The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone." Bending down again, he wrote some more in the dirt. Hearing that they walked away one after another, beginning with the oldest. The woman was left alone. Jesus stood up and spoke to her. "Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?" "No, one, master." "Neither do I," said Jesus. "Go on your way. From now on, don't sin." John 8:3-11

The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language

The women caught in the act of adultery must have experienced unimageable fear and humiliation as she was paraded by upstanding "religious men" before Jesus as a "test of authority"-as a game piece in a cruel scheme to entrap, "incriminate" and bring charges against Jesus. It is an obsession held by the chief priests, scribes, and Pharisees to find some way to silence Jesus who continually challenges them to lay aside preoccupation with guilt or innocence and enter a new life of grace and mercy.

Interestingly, the "religious and political hierarchy", chief priest, scribes, and Pharisees, whose purpose was to ensure the life and well-being of Israel, have no interest in the life or well-being of this "nameless woman" other than using her as a possession in a deadly and mean-spirited game of "gotcha". Their disregard for life would have her stoned and Jesus brought before the authorities. To them her value is merely a means to an end. They justify their actions by the "law Moses commended", but such claim only reveals an agenda to do harm to this "loving and radical teacher" and their selected pawn. They themselves were not following the law of Moses which required the death of both parties caught in "adultery" or "infidelity" to "purge the evil from Israel" (Deuteronomy 22:22). The law is not the issue, just a justification for their misguided plan of deception and their need to hold on to power and control and avoid the invitation to a new life of grace and mercy.

Jesus "bent down" to doodle, to write down (Greek kata "against" graprahein "write") a record against those involved in this sadistic game of "gotcha"- a game to publicly expose and ridicule by means of deception. There's lots of speculation about what Jesus wrote in the dirt, perhaps a reminder not to pass on malicious gossip or link up with the corrupt to please the crowd (Exodus 23: 1-3a) or maybe a reminder that truth lovingly rendered is justice and not the easy and self-serving deception eagerly embrace.

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The Stones continued...

Whatever the case, it seems to be a call to personal accountability for one's own motives and actions and not those of others and at the same time an invitation for us to enter a new life of faithfulness rooted in truth (what is real), grace, mercy, and sacrificial love.

Amid the "taunting" comes this provocative question. "Let anyone among you who is "guiltless", that is, without sinful intentions and desires be the first to throw a stone at this nameless woman." That's right, they do not even know her well enough to call her by her name, to know her story and struggle or to think of her as a person created in the image of God.

Father Richard Rohr points out "Jesus is never upset at sinners; he is only upset with people who do not think they are sinners." To be clear, Jesus is not pointing an accusing finger but instead, calling all parties to the opportunity and possibility of a changed life of repentance -to go and sin no more, to address our misguided intentions and actions and to live differently as we embrace fully God's grace and mercy.

Blessings
+ Fr. Les



Vestry Meeting at Trinity

Sunday, August 21 | 11:30am

Vestry Meetings are open to parishioners as are the minutes to these meetings. Concerns you wish to address need to be placed on the meeting agenda prior to the meeting. If you want to speak to a concern, please let us know in advance. You may place concerns by email fatherles@trinityeldorado.org or by calling the church office - 316-321-6606.

Prayer Chain

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

Prayer Requests

Martha, David, Barbara, Becky, Christie, Craig, Ted, Taylor & Logan, and their baby Oaklyn Mae. Pray for our country, government, city, and state.

Thanksgivings

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. 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. You are making a difference!
- For the ongoing work of the vestry as we work together for God's Kingdom in this place.
- For Heather and Edith and their support of our mission, ministry, and spiritual life.
- For Deb & Cherilyn and the gift of their talents
- For the continued collaboration with The Family Life Center Safe House as a stewardship of our space and an outreach to our community.
- For Jason who continues to do our live stream on Facebook.
- For all who work faithfully in preparing the Altar.
- For our lector's who faithfully read and lead us in hearing scripture. Thanks be to God!
- For Trinity's Tea-Time Literary Society
- For Carol and her Priscilla's Pet Pantry volunteers and donors distributing pet food to those in need. Thanks for your ministry.
- For all those who offer hospitality in our parish.



Every Sunday at 10:15am

All are invited to receive communion at God's banquet table procuring all the benefits of our Lord and Saviors' life, death, and resurrection.

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

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings

9:00-9:45am



Those Crazy Episcopalians 101
Resumes August 7

Thursday Mornings

On summer break. Will resume September 15



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.

Monthly Servers

(The list of Sunday servers is on the back page)

Altar Guild

August: Gail Ellet & Virginia Amend

September: Cindy Badwey, Carol Turner & Becky White

ECW Chairs

August: Annette Gurney

September: Pat Cameron



Tea-Time Literary Society Meets Wednesdays at 10am 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.



Priscilla's Pet Pantry Every 4th Saturday of the month August 27 & September 24 8am-noon

We have been averaging about 90-100 pets a month. With these large numbers we need donations: we always need plastic bags, cat food and cat litter.

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.

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.

Serving the Community

BUTLER HOMELESS INITIATIVE

We are collecting items...

- Canned meats with Pop Tops: Vienna sausages, tuna, chicken
 - Travel size foot or baby powder
 - Individual servings of: fruit, applesauce, bottled water, PB & lunch packs
 - Ziplock bags
 - Paper towels
 - Copy Paper
- Items can be dropped off in the Parish Hall.*



Items Routinely Needed:

- Paper products: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex
- Ziploc freezer baggies - gallon & quart size
- Laundry soap, dryer sheets
- Laundry Baskets - for clients in shelter
- Dishwasher Soap - Tablets, Dish soap
- Boxed food - (banquet meals, etc.)
- Coffee filters & Coffee - (No decaf)
- Coffee Creamer (Powered)
- Copy paper
- Cleaning supplies & trash bags
- Light bulbs: 60 watts
- Shampoo, Conditioner & Body wash
- Hairbrushes
- Women's Deodorant and Body Lotion
- Kitchen wash rags & towels
- Bath towels & hand towels
- Women's underwear sizes 6 thru 8
- Children's underwear and pajamas - all sizes
- Women's sports bra - all sizes
- Walmart gift cards

Items can be dropped off at the SafeHouse on Central Ave.



Memorial Garden

Thank you to everyone who donated flowers and a BIG thank you to J.C., Denise and Iris for working to make a beautiful space.



Are you passionate about the liturgy? Do you wish that you understood it better? Being an Acolyte is a great way to take an active role in worship. It provides a depth of knowledge and engagement that enriches our collective experience of worship. If you are interested in becoming an Acolyte, please contact the church office or Father Les.



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://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile) 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.

AUGUST



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

1 Nancy Samp

3 Annette Gurney

4 Brenda Goebel

13 Keri Myers

17 Ted White

30 Joyce Demo

Anniversaries

8 Clay & Michelle Calhoun



Lay Eucharistic Training

Saturday, August 13 | 10am

Lay eucharistic ministers may be licensed to administer the consecrated bread and wine at any celebration of the eucharist in the absence of a priest and deacon. They are able to share the sacrament with members of the congregation who were unable to be present at the celebration because of illness or infirmity. In bringing Communion to the sick and the homebound, the Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the entire church community.

If you are interested in being a Eucharistic Lay Visitor, please join us on Saturday, August 13.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Sundays

9am – Bible Study

10:15am – Worship

Wednesdays

10 am – Tea-time Literary Society

COMING IN AUGUST

AUGUST 13

Eucharist Training

Saturday | 10am

Father Les' Anniversary of Ordination

AUGUST 21

Vestry Meeting

Sunday | Following Service

AUGUST 27

Priscilla's Pet Pantry

Saturday | 8am-noon

AUGUST 28

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Sunday | 10:15am

Minster Prayer & Icon Retreat

It was a wonderful time of meditating, prayer, and fun at the Icon Retreat held July 21-23 at St. Andrews in Derby. Many request came in to do another one. *If you are interested in being a part of the next Icon Retreat that will be held at Trinity (Date TBD: fall or spring), please contact the church office.*





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Birthdays

1 Genevieve Gilson	15 Julie Gurney
5 Knox Rasnick	21 Ann Striegel
6 Glenda Giro Kathleen Mabry	22 Vince Haines
8 Christine Gilson +	27 Cecilia Goebel
14 Craig Koebel	29 Dana Lee
	30 Martha McKay

Anniversaries

16 Wayne & Carol Turner
18 Ned & Gail Ellet
21 Tim & Ashley Corkill



Southwest Pre-Convention Convocation Meeting

Saturday, September 10 at 2:00pm

The diocese is divided into 4 geographic regions, called convocations, and every church of the diocese is a member of one of these convocations. The clergy of the convocation, plus lay delegates from convocations churches, make up the convocation board, which is required by canon to meet at least four times a year.

Convocation officers: *President:* The Rev. Les Jackson
President-elect: Adrienne Edwards
Secretary: Mike Morrow *Dean:* The Very Rev. Laurie Lewis

The Southwest is made up of:
Trinity, Arkansas City; St. Andrew's, Derby; Trinity, El Dorado;
St. Andrew's, Emporia; St. Matthew's, Newton; St. Jude's, Wellington;
Good Shepherd, Wichita; St. Bartholomew's at St. John's, Wichita;
St. James', Wichita; St. John's, Wichita;
St. Stephen's, Wichita; Grace, Winfield

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Sundays

9am – Bible Study
10:15am – Worship

Wednesdays

10am – Tea-time
Literary Society

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

September 5

Labor Day

September 9-11

Province 7 ECW Fall
Gathering
Dallas, TX

September 10

Saturday | 2pm
SW Convocation
Meeting

September 15

Thursdays | 10:30
Bible Study resumes

September 18

Sunday | 11:45am
Vestry Meeting

September 22-23

"Discovering Anglican
Tradition" Conference
Oklahoma City, OK

September 24

Saturday | 8-12pm
Priscilla's Pet Pantry

September 23-25

Clergy Gather Retreat

September 25

Sunday | 10:15am
Morning Prayer

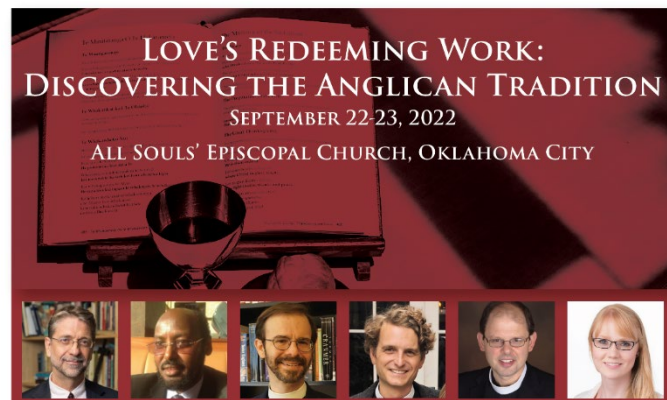


Province VII Episcopal Church Women Fall Gathering

All Episcopal women are invited to attend the Province VII ECW Fall Gathering at the Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas, TX (or via Zoom) September 9-11, 2022. Building on the theme of the National ECW Triennial, The Rev. Rebecca Tankersley, Senior Associate Rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, and presentation leaders will call us to *Remember, Serve, and Imagine* new ways of living as women of faith.

We begin Friday, September 9, with registration from 4-6 pm, followed by social time, a testimony from Lisa Bortner, the Province VII National ECW Representative, and a lovely candlelight prayer service at the Transfiguration labyrinth. We resume on Saturday with Morning Prayer at 9 am followed by Mother Rebecca's presentations. After lunch we'll hear from presenters, Kathy Culmer, Lindsey Murphy, and The Rev. Fran Wheeler. Attendees are encouraged to stay for Sunday service. Registration is \$75 for in person and \$20 to attend virtually. Full schedule, bios, hotel information, and registration are available at: <https://provinceviiecw.wordpress.com/ecw-fall-2022/>.

We hope you will join us for this inspiring weekend!



What is Anglican Christianity?

Where did it come from, and what should we hope for its future? This conference will take up these questions in order to inspire a new generation of Anglican Christians seeking faithfulness and holiness within the wider Church Catholic.

Featured speakers

The Rev. Dr. Ephraim Radner
 The Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Galgalo
 The Rev. Dr. Cal Lane
 The Rev. Dr. David Barr
 The Rev. Mark Michael
 Dr. Abigail Woolley Cutter

Program

Two keynote addresses will include exploration of the Anglican reading of Scripture. Leading younger scholars will tackle Anglican understandings of the Church, the sacraments, and the moral life.

Register and Full Schedule

loves-redeeming-work.eventbrite.com

Discounted student tickets available.
 Registration closes Sept. 15.

The conference is hosted by the Living Church Institute and designed for those who could benefit from -- or simply enjoy -- continuing formation in ecclesiology, history, theology, beauty, and moral life in the Anglican tradition. Student/seminarian tickets start at just \$25.

SUSTAINING EARTH, OUR ISLAND HOME

A Call to Action for All Episcopalians



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Kansas Diocese “Sustain Island Home” contest update

We had another upset this month! St. Paul’s, Marysville and Trinity Church, El Dorado are in a heated battle for third place. Trinity bumped out St. Paul’s, Marysville this month. Will St. Paul’s, Marysville come back? Will another parish gain ground and upset the whole contest? This is anyone’s game! Get your parishioners signed up at <https://www.sustainislandhome.org/> and join the fun!

St. Matthew's Church - Newton	1
St. Paul's Church - Kansas City	2
Trinity Church - El Dorado	3

Growing Earth Stewards: food waste

Wasting food is more than a personal choice that affects your budget. It has environmental consequences as well. Wasting food means that the energy and water that were used to produce the food in the first place are also wasted. Food put into landfills creates methane as it decomposes. Methane is a greenhouse gas that has a greater effect on global warming than carbon dioxide. It’s estimated that 6-8% of all human-created greenhouse gas emissions come from food waste, the equivalent of 32.6 million cars.

With a little bit of planning, you can reduce the amount of food you waste:

- Plan ahead and only buy what you need and what you can eat before the food goes bad. Make a grocery list and stick to it.
- Eat leftovers for lunch or plan a leftover dinner with family members eating what’s available to clear out the refrigerator.
- Freeze food if you’re not going to eat it before it goes bad. Many foods do quite well being frozen and reheated.
- Use produce that’s not picture perfect. Even if it’s not the perfect model of a potato, it will taste the same. Some fruits and vegetables that are beginning to wilt or go brown can still be used in soups, stews, broths, and smoothies.

Be creative and use the food you have in your pantry, refrigerator, and freezer instead of buying more food.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022
9-Hole 4-Person Scramble
Charity Golf Tournament
Co-sponsored by EMI and K2K!

Falcon Valley Golf Course at 4:00 PM
 Falcon Valley Drive, Lenexa, KS 66290

All are invited to the annual K2K Charity Golf Tournament

Grab a foursome or come ready to be paired in fours and enjoy a 9-hole scramble with cash bar and prizes. All ages and skill level are welcome to join. Entry fee is \$100 per individual or \$400 per 4 person team.

- Mulligans will be available for \$5 each
- Arrive at 4pm to sign up, purchase mulligans, etc.
- Individual sign-ups will be assigned to a group of four.
- All checks should be made out to "EMI" and mailed to Mike Eakins at 19418 W. 100th Street, Lenexa KS



You're invited to our 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament!

Grab a foursome or come ready to be paired in fours and enjoy a 9-hole scramble with cash bar and prizes to follow. All ages and skill level are welcome to join.

EMI is a nonprofit organization raising funds to support the ongoing operation of Agatha Amani House, a safe home in Kenya for abused women who are victims of domestic or sexual violence.

Trinity Episcopal Church Financials
as of
June 2022

Main checking account fund balances:

General Fund	\$56,358.30
Memorial Fund	\$12,624.98
Priscilla's Pantry Fund	\$15,840.27
ECW Fund	\$4,053.05
Youth Activities Fund	\$1,906.38
Deacon Discretionary Fund	\$100.00
Adopt a Family	\$170.00
Flower Fund	\$42.21
Homeless Service Donations	\$60.00
Payroll Taxes Payable	\$158.00

Commerce Checking Balance June 30 \$91,313.19

General Fund as of June 30:

Balance January 1	\$44,814.23
Year To Date Income	\$92,427.19
Year To Date Expenses	<u>\$80,883.12</u>
Ending Balance June 30	<u>\$56,358.30</u>

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