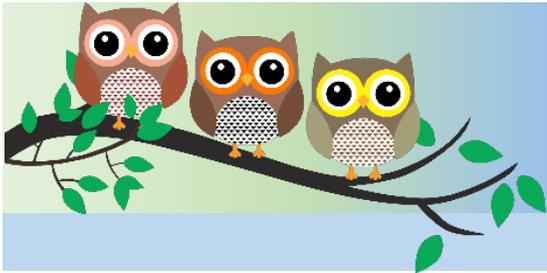


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the Voice



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

June/July 2022

Thoughts & Prayers



"I can't stand your religious meetings. I'm fed up with your conferences and conventions. I want nothing to do with your religious projects, your pretentious slogans, and goals. I'm sick of your fund raising schemes, your public relations and image making. I've had all I can take of your noisy ego-music. When was the last time you sang to me? Do you know what I want? I want justice-oceans of it. I want fairness-rivers of it. That's what I want. That's all I want." Amos 5: 21-24
The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language

I've struggled the past few weeks with the practice of prayer in the context of scripture and the repeated occurrence of sending well-intentioned "thoughts and prayer" to those experiencing unimageable loss. One example, being the public show of "thoughts and prayers" sent to the grieving families of school children being laid to rest in Uvalde, Texas - a senseless loss. I wonder, do we comprehend, scripturally, what it means for us to offer our thoughts and prayers, to practice prayer, or is this a misguided attempt at appearing self-righteous and comforting our insecurities and anxiety while numbing and ignoring disorderliness and injustice. After all we have given voice "lip service" by offering thoughts and prayers. At least we've done something, right?

Perhaps we begin by asking what's to be accomplished by our "prayers" and "thoughts" or "contemplation". Scripture suggests, through prayer we seek holiness and transformation. Holiness is not about being self-righteous or a hypocritical public display of virtue, but about being authentically present-being whole, complete, and available amid a world of chaos, joys, and unmanageable losses.

Holiness transforms and "set us apart" and, at the same time, embeds us in the world to show forth God presence in times of dark chaos seeking light and order. Not us superior to others but present to others in ways that make noticeable God's purposes- God's compassion and justice for humanity. Christianity is about a certain approach and lifestyle. Richard Rohr writes "Christianity is a lifestyle - a way of being in the world that is simple, non-violent, shared, and loving. However, we made it into an established "religion" (and all that goes with that) and avoided the lifestyle change itself (transformation and holiness). One could be warlike, greedy, racist, selfish, and vain in most of Christian history, and still believe that Jesus is one's "personal Lord and Savior" . . . The world has no time for such silliness anymore. The suffering on Earth is too great."

Jesus' harshest words are directed at pious religious people who "loved to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, and disfigure their faces while fasting, so they may be seen by others". (Matthew 6:5-18) Their reward is in their "theatrical production", in pretending to be concerned with others while being self-involved, concerned with appearance, and their bottom-line. Throughout history practicing unaccountable piety in the marketplace has proven destructive-fertile ground for evil to take root- to parade itself as "good" pretend to be something it is not.

Amos, Isaiah (see Isaiah 58), and Jesus, caution us against self-righteous prayers focused on public "appearances", "image making", and "ego"-prayers which do not transform and set us apart and embed us to show forth God's desire for repentance, making amends, restorative justice, and fairness. And until, our hearts and motivation for sending our thoughts and prayers shift from public performance and appearance, political aspiration, profits, and rights void of responsibility little in the quandary of repeated shootings and violence or any other societal diseases will change. Rightly motivated thoughts and prayers are deeply rooted like "the oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations (Isaiah 61: 3b-4)" As disciples following Christ, our thoughts and prayer are formed by committed relationship and embodiment of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and paired with reasonable, courageous responsible actions toward "building up" peacemaking, healing, justice, and fairness. And until that happens, our thoughts and prayers are swallow, neglectful and not remotely Christian in the context of the scriptural directive to "care for the least of these"-to care for the widowed, orphan, feed the hungry and cloth the naked and transform a societal system that values complacency and inaction over the common good and well-being especially for those with little or no voice.

Public display of prayer, historically and as a reoccurring theme in scripture have been about avoidance and discomfort, appearing "politically correct" and fitting in, protecting the status quo and the "bottom line". We are eager to protect our "status" and "rights" but complacent in our responsibility to love our neighbors as ourselves and live with each other in helpful, healing, and hopeful ways.

May God, who calls us each beloved, transform, and make us holy, and set us apart and embed us for the work of showing forth God's love made known in his Son Jesus. Amen

Blessings

Les

Prayer Chain

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

Prayer Requests

Martha, David, Becky, Craig, 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 the Vestry's comments, edits, and input in drafting the memorandum of understanding with The Family Center Safe House. Thank you!
- For the ongoing work of the vestry. Thank you!
- For all those who helped and continue to help in preparing the office space for the Safe house and sorting through the "Stuff" from those rooms. Thank You!
- For all those who have remained and continue faithful with their time, talents, and resources during the pandemic. Thank you!
- For Denise and Susan and the "Teatime Literary Society's" for their work on "It's A Garden Party"
- For Heather and Edith and their support of our mission, ministry, & spiritual life.
- For Deb & Cherilyn and the gift of their talents in music.
- For Iris, Brenda, and Annette serving on our 2022 Financial Audit Committee
- For the vestry's willingness to collaborate with The Family Life Center Safe House as a stewardship of our space and an outreach to our community.
- For our lector's who faithfully read and lead us in hearing scripture. Thanks be to God!
- 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. *Thanks for your ministry.*
- For all those who offer hospitality in our parish. Thanks be to God!
- And for each of you and your faithfulness and steadfast stewardship. Thanks be to God!



Vestry Meeting

Vestry Meeting at Trinity

Sunday, June 26 | 11:30am

Vestry Meetings are open to parishioners as are the minutes to these meeting. Concerns you wish to address need to be place 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.



Every Sunday at 10:15am

Father Les will lead us in the Holy Eucharist three Sundays of every month.

Deacon Diane Kruger, David Reynolds & Carol Turner will lead us on Communion in the Absence of a Priest Sunday.

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

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings

9:00-9:45am

Thursday Mornings

on summer break
Will resume in the fall.



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.

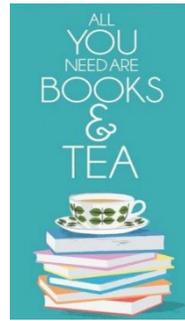
Altar Guild Servers

June: Cindy Badwey, Carol Turner & Becky White

July: Lois Balance, Glenda Giro, Kathleen Mabry

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.



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

Saturdays

June 25 & July 23 | 8am-noon

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

Volunteers are always Welcome!

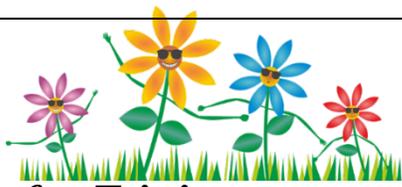
Either come set up before Saturday or help on the day of. You don't have to stay the entire time, just come help for an hour.

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

Dillons donations for the
3rd quarter of 2022
totaled \$78.34
Thank you!



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 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.

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.



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.



**Family Life Center
Safehouse**

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.



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

- 4 Danny Fechter
- 5 Jim Heusner
- 10 Ted Dankert
- 15 Clea Rush

Anniversaries

- 8 Ron & Linda Varner
- 17 Ted & Barbara Dankert



CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 25

8am-3pm

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 storage room in the basement. We are not collecting clothes.

Deadline for donations is Sunday, June 19

Help needed!

This Sunday, June 19 after the service, help is needed to bring all the donations upstairs to the Parish Hall.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

- 10 am – Tea-time Literary Society

COMING IN JUNE

Father's Day

- Sunday, June 19
- Communion in the Absence of a Priest

Garage Sale Set up

- Sunday, June 19
- Following Service

Priscilla's Pet Pantry

- Saturday, June 25
- 8am-noon

Vestry Meeting

- Sunday, June 26 | 11:45am

Church Garage Sale

- Saturday, June 25
- 8am-3pm



Rev. Deacon Diane on your Ordination!
(June 17, 2017)

JULY

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

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|----|------------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Jacque Irwin | 11 | Gail Ellet |
| 15 | Larry Gurney | 27 | Brandon Demo |
| 28 | Patricia Riffel
Allison Bradley | 30 | Christie Reynolds |



CAMP CANTERBURY




July 16-17, 2022
@Camp Wood YMCA
for Young Adults, age 18-24ish
\$45, scholarships available
More info and register online:
<https://edokformation.wordpress.com/camp-canterbury/>

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

- 10am – Tea-time
Literary Society

COMING IN JULY

July 4

Independence Day

July 17

Vestry

July 21-23

Prayer & Icon Retreat
St. Andrews, Derby

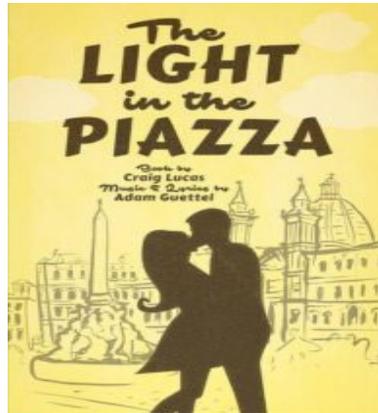
July 23

Priscilla's Pet Pantry
8am-Noon

Light in the Piazza Musical

July 28-30 @ 8pm
July 31 @ 7pm

St. James Episcopal Church
Wichita



The Light in the Piazza the Musical

By Guild Hall Players

**July 28-30 at 8pm
& July 31 at 7pm**

St. James Episcopal Church
3750 E Douglas Svc
Wichita, KS

General Admission: \$12

reservations: 683-5686

For more information go to: [Guild Hall Players Upcoming Performance - St. James Episcopal Church Wichita](#) (stjameswichita.org)



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

TO SUPPORT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, WE ARE TEAMING UP WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS LIKE YOU!

- CLOTHES
- SHOES
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- BACKPACKS
- SERVICES YOUR ORGANIZATION MAY OFFER

This event will be held at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, July 23 from 9AM-1PM. If your organization would like to support this cause, please contact:

Staci Rickard: sarickard@eldoradoschools.org
Emma Culbertson: ejculbertson@eldoradoschools.org

MissionWichita

A week of mission work is a lot of fun.
July 19-24, 2022, Grades 9-12, \$105, @ St. John's, Wichita
edokformation.wordpress.com/missionwichita



South Central Kansas Minister Prayer & Icon Retreat

Participants will engage the prayerful process of writing “painting” an Icon for their own private devotions. The uses and meanings of Icons for individual and corporate prayer and worship will be discussed. No prior art experience is required. Retreat cost covers all materials (Paint, brushes, art panels, lunch on Saturday, etc.).

Thursday, July 21 & Friday, July 22, 6-9 pm

Saturday, July 23, 9 am-until finished

at

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
St. Andrew’s Guild Hall
1062 East Chet Smith Ave., Derby, KS

Cost: \$80.00

Checks Mailed To:
Trinity Episcopal Church

(Checks payable to Trinity Episcopal Church, Memo Icon Retreat)

Registration Deadline: Thurs, July 7

Facilitator: The Reverend Les Jackson has studied with The Reverend Peter Pearson, Iconographer, and author of “A Brush with God” and “Another Brush with God: Further Conversations About Icons” and mentored by the late Suzanne Acker. Father Jackson serves Trinity Episcopal Church, El Dorado and as a Hospice Chaplain for Good Shepherd Hospice in Wichita.

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