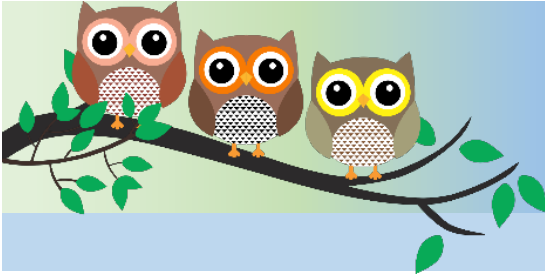


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# the Voice



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

November/December 2022

## Gratitude

*Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

*1 Thessalonians 5: 12-18*

Our secular celebration of thanksgiving is just around the corner. A time when family and friends gather, connect, and engage family traditions. We gravitate to this celebration, but what do we really know about thanksgiving as a practice amid the challenges of life—particularly during economic uncertainty, and in a culture, where words are weaponized and human beings dehumanized or when we are convinced there is not enough, and we are not enough. These days, our normal, is tied to stress, anxiety, loneliness and divisions—religious and political—all driven by fear. Loneliness and isolation, even when surrounded by people, information, and technology, are epic in America. Thirty-six (36%) of adult's report feeling lonely and isolated frequently. Numbers are higher among youth and women with young children. And, ironically, the holidays are the loneliest. So, overwhelmed and threatened, our response is self-preservation, fight, or flight, and not thanksgiving and gratitude.



We quickly see what is missing or what threatens our assumed security, but not “things hidden” in plain sight since the ancient of times or the foundation of the earth (Psalm 78:2 and Matthew 13:35). The temptation is to dismiss any practice of thanksgiving as impractical, sentimental, and lacking potential to help or transform our lives. It is an age-old dilemma.

The believers at Thessalonica are isolated from their secular community and the standards and values of their recent past. They are threatened by social pressures, opposition, and outright persecution for following, “imitating,” Jesus “the way” – the risen one who is “the way, the truth and life. (John 14:6) and for whom Paul gives thanks for their works of faith, labor of love and steadfast hope (1 Thessalonians 1:3)” You might say, they were not the most popular kids on the block. And Paul’s advice to them sounds ridiculous—rejoice, pray, and “give thanks in all circumstances.”

But, its excellent advice, we become more resilience when we participate in gratitude, giving thanks, doing good, and peacemaking as a foundation upon which life is built and not fear, resentment, speculation, and entitlement. *"Joy and gladness will be found in ...thanksgiving and the sound of singing. (Isaiah 51:3)"* The Psalmist urges us to *"Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. (Psalm 100:4)"* and *"Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. (Psalm 105: 1)"*

Thanksgiving - gratitude reflects what we value, what brings meaning, and what makes us feel connected to ourselves and others. It is truly about waking up and understanding everything is a gift - the air we breathe, the intimacy of friends and lovers, the changing of seasons, everything is a gift. Brother David Stead-Rust writes *"Everything is a gift. The degree to which we are awake to this truth is a measure of our gratefulness, and gratefulness is a measure of our aliveness."*

Gratitude is a tangible practice, a way of doing, trying, failing, and trying again - a way valuing and appreciating what we have while dismissing scarcity and fear while building resilience and capacity for our best selves to make better decisions, to be healthy, creative, to be physically, emotionally, spiritually balanced.

Blessings

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## *Stewardship 2022*

- 1. What is a pledge?** A pledge is an estimate of how much financial support you plan to give in the coming year. It is not a binding contract. If circumstances change, your pledges may be revised up or down depending on your situation by contacting our bookkeeper or treasurer.
- 2. Why pledge?** Your pledge makes it possible for us to create a reasonable budget for staffing, ministries, and outreach.
- 3. How do I pledge?** Complete a pledge card and mail or by drop off in the church office. *Mail to:* Trinity Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 507

***Sunday, November 20***

*Ingathering &  
Dedication of Pledges*

**Proposed Operational Expenses: \$153,938**

**Pledges budgeted for 2023: \$45,000**

**Pledges to date: \$14,060**

***The Gift of Time and Talent:*** The offering of your time and talent, impact worship, community life, and outreach. There are many opportunities to serve as readers, greeters, ushers, altar guild, hospitality, Priscilla's Pet Pantry, and many other ways. Let us know where you would like to serve.

***Online Giving:*** [trinityeldorado.org](http://trinityeldorado.org)

You can now give on our website by clicking the "Give button". Giving online is secure and convenient. You can use your checking, savings, credit, or debit accounts and designate your gifts. There is a 2.9% processing and .30 transaction fee. If you would like to cover these fees in your donation, simply check the box marked "Cover Fees" Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## *All Saints Celebration with The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed Sunday, November 6*

*Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen*

### *In Commemoration of For those who de parted this life in faith and in the fear of God:*

Harry Achee  
Heloise Achee  
**\*Teddy Adams**  
**\*Gene Adams**  
**Judy Adams**  
Bruce, Bill, Don & Rex Amend  
Bob, Larry & Robert Amend  
Janet & Laura Amend  
Caroline Atchinson  
Tassie Augustine  
Carl & Lueva Austin  
Jean Autry  
Nick & Judy Badwey  
Bashore Family  
Emily Beeb  
Brent Barbar  
Dr. & Mrs. Warren D. Barber  
Carl & Ellen Bechtel  
George & Mary Lou Bidwell  
Bill Bidwell  
Donald & Francis Biehler  
Joe Biehler  
Gloria J. Bottorff  
Jerry Bottorff  
**\*Fern Willis Bryant**  
**\*John Cameron**  
Camero Family  
Edward & Ruth Chase  
Edward M. Chase  
Richard Chase  
Madalen, Don & Robby Chiaro  
Mary Ellen Chollett  
Larry Conrady  
Tom & Thelma Conner  
Carol & Harry E. Conway  
Wayne Conway  
Joe & Evelyn Cornelius  
Larry Cornwell  
Fred & LaRue Crabtree  
Ray & Betty Criss  
Gladys Cummings  
Morris & Dorothy Cumming  
Martha Yates Drew  
Marian Dahl

Don & Dustin Demo  
Robert Denny  
Ed & Jane Ellet  
Myrtle Farney  
Diane Foote  
Albert & Dolph Foster  
Kathy Foster  
Jim Foster  
Marijo Rhine Foulston  
Robert Clare Foulston  
Ethel Craig Frick  
Phillip Sheridan Frick II  
G. William Frick  
Bob Giro  
**\*Alexandra Meyer Graves**  
David Groat  
**\*Betty J. Hiebert**  
**\*Clyde Hiebert**  
Lee Higdon  
Jan Denny-Hofstetter  
Margaret Hollingsworth  
Edward Huntoon  
Leonard Huntoon  
Rex Irwin  
Donna Jackson  
Jeanne Jung  
Carolyn KasiskaDavid Edwin  
Keever  
Frances Childress Keever  
John Woodward King  
Merton E. & Margaret C. King  
Robert M. & Margaret L. King  
Bill & Betty Kirkpatrick  
Daryl & Mary Kirkpatrick  
Frank & Audrey Kobel  
Marianne Koke  
Bonnie Kramer  
Vivian LeMasters  
Janise Long  
Glenn & Fern Lucas  
James L. Lucas  
Dorothy Main  
**\*Allyn McGinnis**  
**\*Wilma Don McGinnis**

Kenneth McKee  
Bill Madden  
Charlotte Madden  
Marie Madden  
Mary Margaret Metcalf  
R.J. Metcalf  
Charlie Myers  
George & Clara Myers  
Nancy Myers  
Rosalee Myers  
**\*Jeanette Sankey Murfin**  
Frank & Mary Nearhood  
Arthur Nyce  
A. B. Nyce  
Alta Nyce  
Bernardine Nyce  
Doris Nyce  
Isabel Nyce  
Irene Nyce  
Arnette Nyce  
Henry O'Donnell  
Henry St. Clair Odonnell  
**\*Charles R. Patton**  
Alice Penrod  
Robert Penrod  
Milton Penrod  
Bea Pfeiffer  
Marvin Pfeiffer  
Noel Pfeiffer  
Bert Persons  
Dan Persons  
Jane Persons  
Ruthora Preston  
Bob & Edna Pykiet  
Pete Pyiet  
Courtney & Dorothy Ramp  
John C. Ramp  
**\*Marian Reed**  
T.O. Reynolds  
Catherine Yates Reynolds  
Jan Saab  
Henry & Dorothy Sanders  
Jesse & Sarah Sander  
**\*Charles Sankey**

Gene Schlabach  
**\*Sandra Seward**  
Patrick Sheern  
Carl Christian Siegel  
Dr. Carl D. Siegel  
Mary DeHaven Siegel  
Roma Rasa Siegel  
Ruth S. Siegel  
Floyd & Ruby Jewell Skou  
Franco Sjogren  
Clarence Snyder  
Lois Synder  
Irvin & G'Ola Spratt  
Paul & Anna Spratt  
Roy & Bernice Spratt  
**\*Clifford Stone**  
Sally Stone  
Wayne Striegel  
Dick Sutcliffe  
Deann Sutton  
Tag Swartz  
**\*Lucille Faye Taylor**  
Joseph & Mary Taylor  
Joseph & Lucille Taylor  
Russell & Jessie Taylor  
Margaret Chase Timmerman  
Bill & Kaye Turnbough  
Elvin Turner  
**\*The Rev. Jane Ware**  
**\*Joe Ware**  
Ruth Watkins  
Harold & Elizabeth Wentling  
Dr. Benjamin E. White  
Dr. Douglas K. White  
**\*Marilyn Jones White**  
Richard White  
William White  
Mom Wilkenson  
Richard Williams Richard  
C. & H. Pauline Woodward  
David Saylor Yates  
Mary Mantieth Yates  
Alice & Gene Yockey

*\*Trinity Columbarium*

## ***Prayer Chain***

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

## ***Prayer Requests***

Barbara, Becky, Christie, Craig, David, Gail, Jim, Martha, Pat, Steven, Susan, and Ted.

For the family of Fran Pykiet who passed away on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

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 David Reynolds & Cindy Badwey serving as an Acolyte. Thank You!
- For Glenda Giro and her heart to serve as Lay Eucharistic Minister.
- For the ongoing work of the vestry as we work together for God's Kingdom in this place. Thank you!
- For Heather and Edith and their support of our mission, ministry, and spiritual life.
- For Deb & Cherilyn and the gift of their talents in music.
- For Jason who continues to do our live stream on Facebook. Thank You!
- For Cindy, Glenda, Carol, Kathleen, Virginia & Lois, and their work in preparing the Altar. Thank you!
- For our lector's who faithfully read and lead us in hearing and responding scripture. Thanks be to God!
- 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 parish. Thanks be to God!
- And for each of you and your faithfulness and steadfast stewardship. Thanks be to God!

### ***Vestry Meeting at Trinity***

November 20 & December 18 | 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](mailto:fatherles@trinityeldorado.org) or call the church office 316-321-6606.





**Every Sunday at 10:15am**

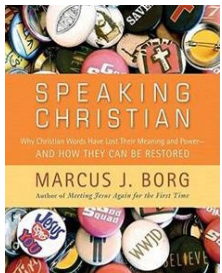
Father Les will lead us in the Holy Eucharist three Sundays a month.

Deacon Diane Kruger, David Reynolds & Carol Turner will lead us one Sunday a month.

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

We are always looking for people to help serve, if you are interested please call the church office.

## BIBLE STUDY



**Sunday Mornings**  
Resumes November 20  
9:00-9:45am

**Book Study:**  
*Speaking Christian*

The very language we use has become dangerously distilled, distorted, and disconnected from the beliefs which once underpinned it. Stating a case that will resonate with readers of N. T. Wright's *Simply Christian*, Borg calls for a radical change to the language we use to invoke our beliefs—the only remedy that will allow the Church's words to once again ring with truth, power, and hope.



## Church Care

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.

Sign up by calling the church office with 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.



## Butler Homeless INITIATIVE

**Mission:** Provide refuge to those in need.

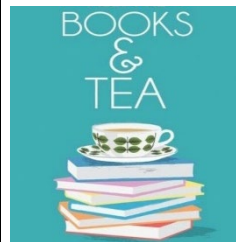
**Vision:** End homelessness in Butler County.

BHI provides day and overnight accommodations. The Day Shelter allows BHI to offer more services to assist those who are homeless. This new program is based on a "success plan" developed around each guest's needs to chart a path out of homelessness.

### We are collecting items...

- Canned meats with Pop Tops: sausages, tuna, chicken
- Travel size foot or baby powder
- Individual servings: fruit, applesauce, PB & lunchpacks
- Ziplock bags
- Paper towels

Items can be dropped off in the Parish Hall.



**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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month  
November 26 & December 24  
8am-noon

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

### Volunteers are always Welcome!

Come set up before Saturday or help on the day of. Stay the entire time, just come help for an hour.

# November



## 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

- 9 Dan Demo
- 16 Virginia Amend
- 17 Kay Riggle
- 28 Alice Myers
- 30 Fran Pykiet  
Carol Turner  
Ron Varner

### Anniversaries

- 10 Brad & Cecilia Goebel
- 22 David & Christie Reynolds
- 24 Brent & Starlene Nearhood
- 27 Ted & Becky White



## Food & Peanut Butter Drive 2022

Way to go Trinity Family! We collected 200 jars of peanut butter and 200 canned goods for the Salvation Army!

On behalf of the Salvation Army we would like to thank you for the collected food and the donation of \$100.

Special thank you to Iris for coordinating the drive!

## Prayer & Icon Retreat

St Nicolas Prayer and Icon Retreat

Thursday, November 10  
6-9pm

Friday, November 12  
6-9pm

Saturday, November 13  
9am-finish

Cost: \$80.00

## WEEKLY GATHERINGS

### Sundays

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

### Wednesdays

- 10am – Tea-time
- Literary Society

## COMING THIS MONTH

### Saturday, November 5

- Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Fall back 1 hour

### Sunday, November 6

- All Saint's Day
- Potluck following service
- Noon(ish) – ECW Meeting

### Thursday-Saturday, November 10-12

- Icon Retreat at Trinity



### Friday, November 11

- Veterans Day

### Saturday, November 12

- 11am-El Dorado Community Freedom Parade



### Community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner

- Saturday, November 19

### Sunday, November 20

- Christ the King Sunday
- 11:30am – Vestry Meeting

### Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving

### Saturday, November 26

- 8-12pm Priscilla's Pet Pantry

### Sunday, November 27

- Advent Season Begins

# DECEMBER



## *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

5 Morgan Metcalf  
6 Melody Haines  
11 Lois Balance  
25 Shirley Patton

### Anniversaries

27 David & Sandra Adams  
Preston & Christine Gilson  
29 Ron & Cherilyn Chiaro



*Hear Ye! Hear Ye!*

*Be it known  
to bakers far and wide  
Trinity is having its  
Cookie Fair to be held  
on December 3*

**If you start getting the  
urge to bake, dust off your  
favorite cookie recipes and  
let's start baking!**

If you are able to help with the cookie fair, please let us know. There will be things to do the week before and during the fair itself. We are excited to have our wonderful event again. We have old and new mission projects we would love to support. Thanks to all.

## *Advent Quiet Day*

**Saturday, December 3**

**9 am - 2 pm**

Grace Cathedral, Topeka

Registration Fee: \$20, includes lunch

Deadline to register: December 7

Most of us skip Advent. The season is brief and busy and Christmas seems like the real goal anyway. And yet, like a seed in the fertile ground waiting and waiting, hidden under the surface of scriptures predicting final judgment; Advent is rich with spiritual guidance.

Growth that God imagines for us takes patience. Most of us say we don't have enough of this elusive virtue and yet we long for the fruit of it in our lives and in the world around us. Personal, communal health, and justice of all varieties rely on an inner capacity for patience with the challenges that come to us asking for our best efforts.

Canon Lisa Senuta invites you to spend some time with the Merciful One in community and nurture the seeds of new life in your spiritual heart during the season of waiting. There will be Large group learning, small groups and guided reflection time. [Register Online](#)

## **WEEKLY GATHERINGS**

### **Sundays**

9am – Bible Study

10:15am – Worship

### **Wednesdays**

10am – Tea-time Literary Society

## **COMING THIS MONTH**

### **Thursday, December 1**

4-7pm – Thankful Thursday  
Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

### **Friday, December 2**

5:30pm – Remembrance  
Tree Ceremony

### **Saturday, December 3**

8am-12pm Cookie Fair

5:30pm – Christmas Parade

6:15pm – Tree Lighting

### **Saturday, December 3**

Advent Quiet Day

9 am - 2 pm

@ Grace Cathedral, Topeka

### **Sunday, December 4**

ECW Meeting

### **Sunday, December 18**

Vestry Meeting

### **Thursday, December 22**

Greening of the Church  
12 Noon

### **Saturday, December 24**

8-12pm Priscilla's Pet Pantry

5pm – Christmas Eve Service

### **December 25 Christmas Day**

No Service

### **December 26 - January 1**

Rector's Sabbath

Office Closed

### **Sunday, January 1**

New Years Day



# WE AWAIT THE LIGHT OF *Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.*

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength,  
and with all your mind. — Luke 10:27, Deuteronomy 6:5*



**November 27**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist



**THIRD SUNDAY  
December 11**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist



**December 24**  
5:00pm Service



**December 4**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Advent Festival of Lessons  
& Hymns



**FOURTH SUNDAY  
December 18**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist



**Sunday, December 25**  
No Sunday Service



**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**JANUARY 15**  
Following service



**Annual Reports**  
**For each ministry**  
**are due by December 22**  
Please email reports to the  
church office

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- Iris Schlabach, Treasurer
- Annette Gurney, Clerk
- Glenda Giro
- Heather Clerkin, Office Admin
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- Edith Waugh, Bookkeeper
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