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*Behold, I come
among you as one
who serves.*

Luke 22:27

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Holy Communion - 8:00 AM

Parish Breakfast - 9:00 AM

Christian Formation for all ages - 9:30 AM

Holy Communion - 10:30 AM

After 10:30 Service

Coffee & Cookies In All Saints Hall

Wednesday

Holy Communion - 10:00 AM

Youth Program - 5:30 PM

Dinner in All Saint's Hall - 5:30 PM

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday

Meals on Wheels - 10:45 AM

Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 PM

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



The Tripod

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Trinity Episcopal Church:

Witnessing to the Power of God to Transform

Proclaiming God's Love and Joy for over 162 years in Marshall, Texas

Bishop Doyle Visits Trinity



Left to Right: Fr. John, Mark Trexler, Cindy Duncan, Pamela Taylor, Magda Altnau, Chris Altnau, Jeff Henderson. **Standing behind,** Bishop Doyle and Lake Brannon.

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle visited Trinity on Sunday, January 26th. At the 10:30 AM Mass he celebrated, preached and confirmed six new members and received one individual. Those being confirmed were Christopher Altnau, Lake Brannon, Cindy Duncan, Jeff Henderson, Pamela Taylor, and Mark Trexler. Received into the communion of the Church was Magda Altnau. Congratulations to each of you!

After the service Bishop Doyle met with parishioners at a reception held in All Saints' Hall. Following the reception he met with the vestry.

During the vestry meeting Bishop Doyle addressed the opportunities for parishes to initiate new evangelism efforts via grants that will be available with the establishment of the Great Commission Fund. The Great Commission Fund is a new Foundation that is being formed and funded as a result of the sale of the St. Luke's Health Care System. He also addressed local health initiative that will be developed through the new Episcopal Health Foundation that will seek to develop health care priorities and programs throughout the diocese.

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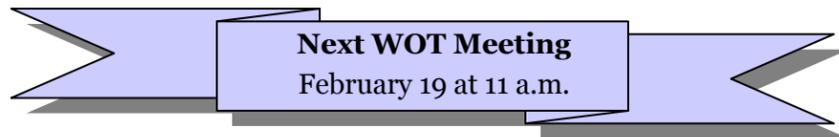


Our Mission

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by:
 Inviting all to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
 Fostering the presence of the Holy Spirit for the equipping of saints to do the work of ministry.
 Witnessing to the power of God to heal, transform, and make all things new.
 Supporting those who by word and example make Christ's redemptive work known.

Women of Trinity

He's b-a-a-a-ack! Back by popular demand! Dr. Richard Warren Johnson, Religion Professor at East Texas Baptist University, will be the guest speaker at the regular meeting of WOT on February 19, 2014 at 11 a.m., immediately following the Wednesday morning service. Dr. Johnson has always left the gals clamoring for "more" as he has instructed and mesmerized us with his descriptions of the life and times of the Old Testament, leading us to a better understanding of what God and man had to deal with. Once again, all women of Trinity are invited to join us for these meetings....no dues, come regularly or once in a while, you're always welcome! In January, we enjoyed hearing Suzanne Planchard and her advice concerning style and scarves a la The Brass Trunk...Megan modeled and was given a beautiful blue scarf for her presentation. We munched our great soup and sandwich lunch with the members of the Marshall Music Club, thanks to the culinary talents of Jean McCarroll and Sandy Toussaint...that was fun! In February, Patty Whaley and her cookin' crew will provide the lunch...you don't want to miss that! If you're not on the calling list and decide to join us on February 19, just call the office and let them know you'll be there or call Sandy Toussaint at 903/938-3372.



Why join Choir?



1. The Bible tells us to make a "joyful noise" unto the Lord — not have totally perfect pitch, killer sight reading skills, and the vocal range of Mariah Carey. If you enjoy singing, why not praise God with us on Sunday mornings?
2. You don't have to dress up. We provide robes!
3. Mama always said "You can't think bad thoughts while you sing" and Mama is always right.
4. Best seat in the house!
5. St. Augustine said "He who sings prays twice." Try it and you'll see it's true!



Our Core Values:

- Commitment to Jesus Christ
- Authority of Scripture
- Evangelism
- Relational Ministry
- Worship
- Servant Ministry
- Sacrificial Giving
- Biblical Leadership

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(He Agape Tou Theou)

In case you didn't read one of my previous articles or maybe even forgot, the youth will be headed to Oklahoma City this summer on a mission trip. We will be helping with the relief effort due to the tornadoes that struck the area of Moore in May 2013. In upcoming months the youth will be cooking breakfast on March 30 and an Ash Wednesday meal before our service that evening (March 5). Please come out and support us because all extra cash taken up those days will go toward the mission trip! Also, the annual 30 Hour Famine is starting up. Every dollar you give goes toward feeding a hungry child. It is estimated that 19,000 children under the age of five die every day because of hunger. That's about 30 U.S. schools full of children dying every day! This is a youth activity worth doing because it is kingdom work.

The month of February is the "month of love." Valentine's Day demands that we show our love to our significant other by doing stuff for them, whether it's with flowers, chocolate, a nice meal, etc. Why? Because actions speak louder than words. Sometimes there are days we just don't show our love to those we care about. But God is different! The "love of God," written above in Greek, is always present with us. The LORD has given us an eternal covenant love that is demonstrated to us at all times through Christ Jesus our Lord. St. Paul said that *absolutely nothing* "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:36-39). That is good news! How can we describe the greatness and unfathomable nature of God's love? One of my favorite hymns, written by Frederick Lehman, says, "The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen could ever tell." And the hymn concludes with these words:

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
 And were the skies of parchment made;
 Were every stalk on earth a quill,
 And every man a scribe by trade;
 To write the love of God above
 Would drain the ocean dry;
 Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
 Though stretched from sky to sky.

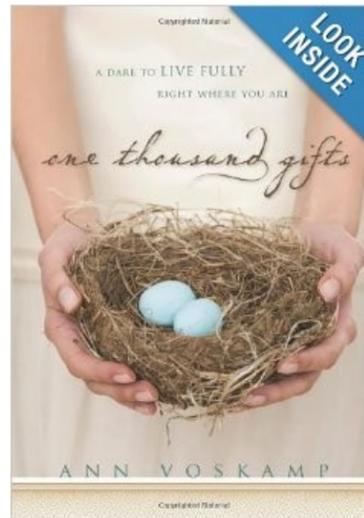
AMEN!

Scott

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King have a new meeting time! We are gathering at 5:30pm on the 4th Monday of every month to enjoy a light supper, fellowship, and bible study. This month, we began our study of *A Thousand Blessings* by Ann Voskamp. This is a multi-part study but you can begin any time! We welcome all women of the church who would like to share in this time of friendship to join us. Please call the church office for more information.

Upcoming Meeting dates: February 24 & March 24



Junior Daughters of the King



Continuing our very special & successful annual tradition, the JrDOK will host a Daddy-Daughter-Special Friend dinner for all JrDOK girls.

JrDOK can bring their dad, grandpa, or special friend to a wonderful meal to share a special time with him and their friends. This year's dinner will be at Café Italia. A photographer will be on hand to capture special moments!

Be sure to let Mrs. Jennifer know ASAP if your JrDOK plans to attend with her "date."

Rector's Meanderings

Dear Beloved in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. This month many couples will celebrate Valentine's Day. It is a day that honors couples. The tradition behind the day is the story of St. Valentine, a priest in ancient Rome, who would counsel Christian couples prior to marriage. For his faith and his ministry he was martyred late in the 3rd century AD. That is a brief synopsis of the "who" behind the day. The "what" we are to do as a means of celebrating it is another matter altogether.

The focus on this piece is on the husbands; not that I want to minimize the ladies. It is simply that I have a bit of experience from a husbands perspective on how to make the day a celebration that is one of agape'.

In Ephesians St. Paul writes, "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish." (Eph 5:25-27, RSV) Guys, if you want to give your wife a special Valentine's Day give the gift offered by St. Paul, the gift of sacrificial love. It doesn't come as flowers or candy, though they have a place in showing such love. The true gift of sacrificial love comes with one's presence; your presence, a physical presence, and emotional presence, and most of all a spiritual presence. Not simply for Valentine's Day but for each day of the year. As a husband I know that accomplishing all three of those things are often challenging, but challenging isn't impossible.

Christ loved the church to the point of death. He literally gave all that he was to his bride the Church. In the wedding vows the husband says to the wife, that he will "have this women to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor her, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?" To which the man responds, "I will." This is a promise of presence in the life of your spouse that comes before all other commitments you might feel that you have an obligation to fulfill. Later in the marriage ceremony you gave your wife a ring saying the following, "I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, all that I have, I honor you." think about that for a moment, let it sink in. How do we honor someone? We do it by holding them in reverence. Reverence is shown is serving. We literally lift our wife up that she would receive God's blessing before we would receive God's blessing. In doing so we, the husbands, are also blest.

There is no such thing as an easy marriage, but there are plenty of marriages that are blest. Those marriages are blest because the husband has made a conscience decision to love his wife as Christ loved the Church. In fact the entire family is blessed. Son's grow up to be the husbands and fathers the saw in their own dad. Daughters grow up to recognize the values they seek in their future husbands as the values they saw their father live out with their mother. Perhaps the great gift is that the marriage between each of you grows in depth, commitment, and joy because you discover that the wonderful women you married is ultimately a gift of love that God has given the two of you to share for a lifetime in one another's presence.



*Pax et Bonum,
Fr. John*



Our Vision:

Our vision for Trinity Episcopal Church

includes

Growing a dynamic youth program.

Reaching out to our community outside the walls with the love of Christ.

Increasing spiritual and congregational growth for our parish.

Lenten Worship Schedule

10:00 AM Wednesday, March 5th
Service of Imposition of Ashes

6:15 PM Wednesday, March 5th
Service of Imposition of Ashes

5:00 PM Each Sunday during Lent
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church

5:00 PM Each Wednesday during
Lent Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the Chapel of the Holy Family



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!



I think our vestry are pretty good cooks! Come and see for yourself.

Trinity will host the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, March 4th beginning at 6:00 PM in All Saints Hall.**

The tickets will go on sale February 15th and will be available through our Boy Scout Troop, Troop 550, through our Youth group and at the parish office. They will also be available at the door.

Tickets will be \$8.00 with the proceeds going to our youth and Troop 550. Mark your calendars and come and join us. Take out plates will also be available.

Birthdays

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| 3 Terry Weeks | 14 Katelynn Howard |
| 4 Joe Weinberg | 16 Mac Abney |
| 4 Henry Henderson | 17 Megan Himes |
| 5 Richard Anderson | 18 Kathryn Brannon |
| 7 Pat Furrh | 18 Justin Briggie |
| 9 Wanda Fugler | 22 Jonathan Bray |
| 9 Pauline Manly | 22 Roy McCarroll |
| 10 Remley White | 23 Joan Littlejohn |
| 11 Adam Shaw | 23 Marcus Briggie |
| 12 Frannie Littlejohn | 25 Claire Abney |
| 13 David Cope | 25 Alice Camp |
| 13 Barbara Truelove | 28 Mary Jane McElroy |
| 13 Jim Kutner | |

Anniversaries

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| 7 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Whaley, Jr. |
| 14 Mr. & Mrs. David Spellings |
| 18 Mr. & Mrs. Allen Staggers, Jr. |
| 19 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Beavers |
| 20 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Porter |
| 25 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Manly |

We welcome articles for the Tripod if you or a ministry you are a part of would like to submit and article please have it to the parish office by the 15th of the month.



Dates are still available on the 2014 Altar Flower Signup Calendar.

Please sign up on the Calendar in ASH or call the church office.

Church Financials and Attendance for December 2013

Budget Income for 2013	\$ 443,572
Budget Expenses for 2013	\$ 521,160
Budget Difference for 2013	(\$ 77,588)
Income Received to Date	\$ 478,294
Expenses to Date	\$ 474,794
Income for the month	\$ 66,303
Expenses for the month	\$ 31,597
Difference for the month	\$ 34,706
Difference to Date.....	\$ 3,501

Average Sunday Attendance to date 169

Average Sunday Attendance for December 162

Total Sunday Attendance to date 8769

Total Attendance all other Services 10471

Recipe Recommendation:

Chocolate Pecan Pie

- 3/4 cup chocolate chips
- 1 (9-inch) piecrust, prebaked
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped pecans

1. Preheat oven to 400F.
2. Sprinkle chocolate chips over warm, prebaked crust. When melted, spread evenly.
3. Combine corn syrup, brown sugar, melted butter, eggs, vanilla and salt in a large bowl; whisk until well blended. Stir in pecans. Pour over chocolate. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until set. Place a pie shield or strips of aluminum foil over rim if it starts getting too brown.
4. Transfer pie to a wire rack; let cool to room temperature before serving. Or chill, then serve. Serves 10.

Per serving: 468 calories, 27g fat, 78mg chol., 4g prot., 58g carbs., 2g fiber, 218mg sodium

Recipe by Ken Haedrich