Fall Concert by the Shreveport Symphony
Festival String Quartet

Music of Ludwig von Beethoven and Kermit Poling filled Trinity’s sanctuary as the Shreveport Festival String Quartet led by Maestro Leonard Kacenjar led them during our Annual Fall Concert.

The Quartet performed several pieces by Kermit Poling based on the lives of the Saints of the Church. These moving pieces are in the process of being recorded by the quartet and will be released next year. Trinity has been blest to have premiered not only this work of Kermit Poling, last year’s concert included his tribute to the Virgin Mary which will also be on the upcoming CD.

The concert series over the last three years has been made possible by a $30,000 grant by the Strategic Mission Committee of the Diocese of Texas that was awarded to our Junior Daughters of the King Chapter for Outreach and Evangelism in the Community. These concerts have been a center piece of that effort. As the grant comes to the end it does not mean and end to the concert series.

This past summer the parish received a donation in memory of Wanda Somerford Parker from her husband Andy Parker to continue the concert series in her memory. She had a passion for music and she had a heart for spreading the love of God. This venue provides an opportunity to reach beyond our walls and do both.

While the Fall Concert will be done in the future as a memorial for Wanda Somerford Parker, our Junior Daughters of the King will continue to be the hostesses for the even which has had such a wonderful impact on not only our parish, but on our surrounding community as well.
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.

A VESTRY PERSON’S PERSPECTIVE OF THE CHOIR

God’s peace and grace be with you. In March 1977, a young man released a song inspired after a day in a bar watching gridlock in Key West. 2 months later that song reached #1 on the Adult Contemporary charts and was the foundation of an empire. “Margaritaville” didn’t last long at the top of the chart but became an iconic song that almost everyone knows; and with the windows up, cruise control engaged, and radio loud, I sound just like Jimmy Buffet as I sing along, loudly and enthusiastically, to this song every time it comes on the radio. But, like most of us, I don’t sing out loud anywhere else for fear of sounding like a wounded moose in public….with one exception.

Although I am not a strong singer and can only carry half the songs played, I always sing at church on Sunday. I believe the music is an important and integral part of our worship service. Also, I do not want my kids to shy away from singing in church by not setting the example. And finally, Fr. John needs all the help he can get and if that means we both sound like wounded moose, then let us bless the Lord with a joyful, yet out of tune noise.

Why am I writing this to you? Because our choir is slowly dissolving and we are in danger of having two services with organ music only and no joyful voices to support the liturgy. Where we once had a solid 8-10 choir members, we are now lucky to get 3 or four every other Sunday. And let me be perfectly clear- we do not need world class talent; we’re not looking for Jimmy Buffet, Michael Buble’, or Mariah Carey. What the choir needs is folks willing to dedicate the time to practice once a week, to do their best, even if that means sounding only slightly better than my rendition of “Margaritaville” in my truck.

Please prayerfully consider joining our choir and help bring a joyful noise back to the Lord on Sunday.

CHOIR NEWS

In the coming weeks, the choir will be singing our offertory hymns from a single composer in an effort to introduce the congregation to the beautiful worship music that he has written. Although his works are in our 1982 hymnal and some of them have familiar words, the music is probably less familiar. The composer is Calvin Hampton and he penned five hymns that are included in our 1982 hymnal: #403, 407, 456, 469, and 659. Because we are focusing on his works, the choir thought it might be nice for the congregation to know a little bit more about the composer.

Calvin Hampton was born on Dec. 31, 1938, in Kittanning, Pa., and grew up in Ohio. He studied at the Oberlin Conservatory and Syracuse University. For 20 years, he was the organist and choirmaster at the Parish of Calvary, Holy Communion and St. George’s in Manhattan. He was best known for his weekly free midnight concerts at Calvary Episcopal Church in Manhattan. Mr. Hampton performed extensively in the United States and abroad and made several recordings, playing both the organ and an electronic instrument called the Ondes Martinot. Besides the works in the 1982 Hymnal, Mr. Hampton composed many other pieces utilizing such diverse elements as rock, gospel hymns, synthesizers and quarter tones in his works. He was also a renowned conductor and is credited with the first complete performance of Cesar Franck’s “Beatitudes” in the United States. Sadly, he died at the age of 45 after a lengthy illness.

The choir hopes that you enjoy listening to the beautiful works of this composer during our offertory anthem in the coming weeks.

A reminder: Choir Practice is held every Thursday night at 6:00 PM and warm up at 9:45 AM every Sunday. If you are interested in joining us, please see choir master and organist, Jim Johnson, after service. New members are welcome!
Dear Beloved in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faith discussions can happen at the oddest times and places. Several weeks ago I was doing a pastoral visit to a parishioner in the hospital in Longview. When I headed back to Marshall I realized by traveling coffee cup was empty so I stopped off to fill it up. When I pulled into the fast food place the drive through line was staggeringly long. So, I decided to park and get a cup to go. After picking up my coffee and heading towards the door a young man approached me and asked, “Are you a priest?” My response was, “Yes, can I help you?” He then said, “I have one problem with Christianity.” “Only one”, I responded. Continuing he said, “Yes, how can Jesus be both God and human?”

The two natures of Christ have been the subject of endless discussion since the beginning of the church. A discussion with really as much relevancy as the question from the middle ages, “How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?” But, the answer to that question does make a difference regarding our salvation, little difference to our relationship with God. So too an endless discussion of how two natures can reside in one body ultimately makes little difference, suffice to say it is one of the mysteries of faith. If you claim that you can’t abide in mysteries as an answer, then I would offer that you couldn’t abide life, as a reality for it too is a mystery.

All the fullness of God resides in Christ Paul tells us. But Paul, isn’t the only one who states this, so too Jesus, “I and the Father are one.” “If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.” “No one comes to the Father but through me.” The list of exclusive claims of the divine nature flow throughout Scripture. Theologians and people may try to explain it away, but the words are there nonetheless. It is a key aspect of our faith that we, by faith accept the divine nature of Jesus. It is through that nature that Jesus’ work on the cross brings about our redemption, if it was only Jesus the man who hung on that cross and died, we are still in our sin. I cannot take your nature upon me, nor can you take my nature upon you. Part of our nature is sin and to take it from us, to bear it on his own shoulders, there had to be something unique about Jesus, and that had to be a nature that was free of sin to make room to bear the sin of others, there had to be a nature that not only had the capacity to forgive, but the authority to forgive, to make clean, and that only resides in God.

Humanity had been in rebellion and to a large extent is still to this day. However, Paul tells us peace has been made, it was made through the blood of the cross, in fact it was more than peace, it was victory. The war is won, you and I may come up against battles in our lives, but we need to be faithful to the victory. There are indeed principalities that will seek to dissuade us from acknowledging that victory – for it is in their best interest. But their situation is hopeless, that war is won and Jesus is victor in heaven and on earth.

One point it is necessary to keep before us; there is nothing we could have done to bring about our reconciliation. “And through him to reconcile to himself all things,” God did the work to bring everything back into communion with him. It was through him in the person of Jesus and to him in the nature of the Father. It is through this means that God ensures redemption and free will at the same time. For coming to a place to be washed in the blood of the lamb requires a human response. Each person as an unique individual created by God in his image must confront and answer the question, “Who is Jesus Christ in my life?” The answer has consequences, not just for the individual, but for the rest of us as well.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. John

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Col 1:19-20

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross.

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Rector’s Reflection
MEN OF TRINITY

Meeting November 9th at 5:30 PM in All Saints’ Hall for food, fellowship and prayer. All men of the parish invited!

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Schedule for July is as follows:
Bible Study at Jucy’s on Wednesdays: November 4 and 18 @ 11:30 (Bible Study begins at 12:00)
Saturday, November 21st at 10:00 am monthly meeting at Golden Corral
All men of the parish are invited to attend either of the meetings.
Men of the parish who are interested in becoming a member of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew contact Adam Lundgren. We will be conducting a training class in the near future.

WOMEN OF TRINITY

The time of year for thanks giving is upon us....what am I saying? As a Christian, we observe every day as a day of thanks giving, don't we? Women of Trinity invite you to join us for the November meeting on Wednesday, November 18. It's really not so much a meeting as it is a gathering of Trinity women of all ages, interests, talents and histories who get together to share their lives and their Faith and to learn.

If you weren't able to get to the October meeting, you missed out on an opportunity to learn about CASA and in September, we welcomed Carolyn Snow to learn about "My Friends' House" and it's mission to serve our community. We're absolutely delighted to have our "own" Father John Himes as the program for November 18...you won't want to miss this one! I, for one, am looking forward to his message, ushering us into this very blessed time of our Christian year. The November meeting is also when the women are asked to bring toys for the "Empty Stocking Fund"...this, too, is part of our Trinity legacy and we're so fortunate to have Lea McGee and her dedication to continue this tradition.

So, don't forget to bring unwrapped toys to the November 18th meeting. Please join us in All Saint's Hall at 11 a.m., following the Wednesday church service. If you're not on the calling list, please call Stacey or Susie in the office and let them know that you'll be coming...the more the merrier!! Fellowship and lunch will be served following the program.

No dues and very few committees! See you on Wednesday, November 18!!
Birthdays

1 Patti Ellis 15 Patty Whaley
3 Susan Bogue 16 Nora Brown
3 Carrie Weeks 17 Kirk Furrh
6 Mike Martin 18 Magda Altnau
6 Sarah Slayter 20 Spencer White
6 Sharon Lundgren 20 Linea Weaver
10 Sarah Hasty 20 Troy Simmons
11 Bill Pool 21 Jennifer Howard
11 Adam Lundgren 22 Gary Jackson
12 Erik Howard 22 Laura Rectenwald
12 Greg Gani 29 Jack Gray
14 Ty Craver 30 Evey Heard

Church Financials and Attendance for September 2015
Budget Income for 2015 ................. $ 449,952
Budget Expenses for 2015 ............. $ 436,876
Budget Difference for 2015 .......... $ 13,076
Income Received to Date .............. $ 321,112
Expenses to Date ...................... $ 314,686
Income for the month ................. $ 31,565
Expenses for the month .............. $ 34,153
Difference for the month .......... ($ 2,588)
Difference to Date ................... $ 6,426

Average Sunday Attendance
2014 Present
163 160

Anniversaries

9 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Brannon
9 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gray
15 Mr. & Mrs. David Cason
17 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Runyan
18 Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Truelove
24 Mr. & Mrs. Russell Minatrea
28 Mr. & Mrs. Pete Whaley

Beef Vegetable Soup

Ingredients
- 1 pound ground beef
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 4 cups water
- 2 (1 ounce) packages dry onion soup mix
- 1 (15 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen mixed vegetables or any vegetables
- 3/4 cup elbow macaroni

Directions
1. In a sauté pan, brown ground beef, over medium heat.
2. In a large stock pot, combine broth, water, onion soup mix, tomato sauce, celery, onion, frozen vegetables and macaroni. Bring to a boil and then simmer until macaroni is done.
3. Add browned ground beef, mix and serve.
THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

It is that time of year when Trinity prepares for its Annual Thanksgiving Outreach. Over the last several years we have averaged feeding 1,100 people each Thanksgiving. With the way the present economy is, we expect to feed at least that number this year.

While Trinity hosts this community event, involves other churches and businesses in the Marshall Community. It is truly a city wide effort and it shows what we can accomplish when we all pull together. We at Trinity provide the turkeys and First Baptist, First Methodist, Central Baptist and St. Joseph Catholic Church all provide sweet potatoes, dressing, gravy, and desserts.

We asking parishioners this year to make a donation to be a turkey. If you donate an amount to cover the cost of a turkey you'll get your name on a turkey hung on the All Saints Hall door in appreciation for your generosity.

This year’s chairs are Lowell Runyan and Randy Reeves. Gary Beavers remains our “go to guy” to run the actual event on Thanksgiving day. We also will need volunteers on Thanksgiving Day to deliver food and to help package food. If you and your family would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry call the parish office or sign up on the sheets that are on the bulletin board in All Saints’ Hall. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Thanksgiving by helping others be thankful as well.

PARISH MEETING AND ELECTION

Trinity held its Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday October 18th. At the meeting the parish elected four new vestry members. The class of 2018 is Adam Lundgren, Cassie Rhoades, Julie Trexler, and Leana Westergaard. We look forward to their service on the vestry. The following individuals were elected to serve as delegates to Diocesan Council, Adam and Mary Lundgren, Carol Meyer and Tony Pierce. Carol and Tony have previous served as delegates. Tony also serves on the Strategic Mission Grant committee for the Diocese of Texas. We welcome Adam and Mary to council.

The parish also approved the budget that was passed by the vestry for 2016. the total for the 2016 budget is $503,700.98. This includes the addition of a family minister to the staff. A portion of the family minister’s budget expense will come out of the Designated Fund for the family minister so that the actual operating expense to the parish is $489,700.98.

YOUTH NEWS

Earlier this month, the youth worked hard at their car wash fund raiser. We raised over $300 to aid in the prevention of human trafficking. We greatly appreciate the support that we received from our Trinity family!

Sunday mornings we are watching an apologetic video series focusing on upholding the authority of scripture in a scientific age. Topics include The Bible Explains Dinosaurs, One Race, Reclaiming the Culture, and Six Days of Creation. It is my hope that this generation be equipped with answers to defend their faith and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in today’s culture.

At present we are gearing up for our All Hallows Eve Party at the end of October. We will look into redeeming the Christian roots of Halloween and the legend of the Jack o’ lantern.

Next month we will pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). We need help from our Trinity members with gifts to be sent out. In All Saint’s Hall you will find the large Christmas box where you may drop off your OCC gifts. A list of suggested gifts are on the box or Youth bulletin board. Start shopping early, we will have them ready to ship out on the 18th of November, that’s less than three weeks away!
Dreams for Trinity

Recently I asked the vestry what their dreams for Trinity were for the next several years. The responses I received were terrific. Over the next several issues of the Tripod we will share these with you. If these Dreams generate some dreams that you may have for the parish we would appreciate your input. You can respond either by calling Fr. John or our Senior Warden, Laura Rectenwald or send an email to Fr. John his email address is fr_john_himes@hotmail.com

Here are a few of the vestry members dreams for our parish:

I envision our church being the leading church in Marshall for outreach and missionary work; a diverse parish that consistently brings people to Christ. We would be known for our outreach and ministries but have a thriving children’s and youth program. Scouts would continue to be a central ministry and visible arm of our church. We would be visible in local events and folks would look towards us for guidance, inspiration, and partnership. We would quietly prominent in the community, not flashy, but known for how we do things, how we bring people together, how we humbly make things better in the community.

My dream for Trinity Church is for us as a church family - united - to live higher in the Lord . I am looking forward to bold prayers lifted up by believing Christians until we see our dead returned to us, our brothers and sisters healed - not just comforted, our young people filled with the Spirit and taught of the Lord., our elderly vital into old age, and needs being met all around us.

Maybe this sounds like a heavenly place and time, so I would settle for belief in our parish that these things are possible. Could we just encourage each other the way Max Lucado's book Glory Days has for me since I have been dreaming. Right from the book of Joshua, his message is about faith and obedience that remembers to thank and give God the glory. Grace and mercy abound to God’s children. Restoration is possible. The inheritance we receive - because of Christ- is in the spirit, in the land, and in good success in the gifts and skills God gives us. It is all about Him . We need to read, study, and believe, pray without ceasing, live in peace with all men, forgive, and listen, seek God. Be strong and of good courage - we need to hear it often. Keep the stories alive.

We must continue to work hard for our youth program. I think we are going in a good direction currently but maintaining and attracting new young people is a challenge for any church. I am very concerned when we see our own youth leaving to attend pother church programs. We must work hard to create a viable and Christian atmosphere so our children will return to Marshall to raise their families within our church.

Churches in general are facing many challenges and our church is no exception. I think we are preparing to meet those challenges with God’s help. My prayer is that we stand unified as a church family moving forward.

I wish I could sing! I want our choir to grow; the gospel songs are such an important part of our worship service and extremely uplifting.

That Trinity Episcopal Church continues to be an important part of our hometown community through the services of the church and school. Trinity has been so important in my life for over forty years, my children’s lives, and now my grandchildren’s lives. I thank God for this wonderful Church and look forward to the challenges and opportunities to grow in my faith.

Those are three of our vestry members dreams for our parish. Do you notice some common themes running through them? Are they leading you to think of the next generation of not only members of our congregation, but the next generation leaders and ministers in our congregation?
Parish Staff
The Rev. Dr.
John M. Himes, OSF
Rector
Rae Minchew
Youth Director
Magdalena Altnau
Children’s Christian Formation
Angela Bray
Nursery Director
Jim Johnson
Choir Master and Organist
Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator
Suzie Ward
Administrative Assistant
Melvin Williams
Sexton

Vestry
Laura Rectenwald
Senior Warden
Henry Henderson
Junior Warden
Cathy Cope
Clerk of the Vestry
Ken Kerr
Treasurer
Doug Jager
Joel Truelove
Cindy Cain
Randy Reeves
Clarence Brown
Cathy Cope
Jim Kutner
Bonnie Strauss

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
Dinner in All Saint’s Hall - 5:30 PM
Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday
Martha’s Kitchen - 6:00 PM

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