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Witnessing to the Power of God to Transform

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Council Sets New Path for the Diocese

The 165th Council of the Diocese of Texas met in Galveston on February 7th and 8th. Trinity was represented by Mike and Pat Jeffries, Carol Meyer and Tony Pierce.

"We are a tenacious diocese that claims a tenacious God," Bishop Andy Doyle told the nearly 700 clergy and lay representatives gathered in Galveston for the 165th Diocesan Council, February 7-8, 2014. Bishop Doyle announced an ambitious plan to plant 15 new congregations in the next five years and challenged parishes to consider taking a similar step of faith, establishing second campuses. Delegates approved partnerships with Costa Rica and the Diocese of North Dakota and passed an \$8 million budget, approved changes to the Constitution and Canons to reflect the sale of St. Luke's Episcopal Health System and the establishment of Episcopal Health Foundation.

This year's Council was one of the most unified Councils in the last decade. In the past there had been a great deal of division over same sex couple blessing issues and Canon 43, the Moral Canon that applies to clergy. Bishop Doyle's leadership over the last several years through his Unity in Mission program is in the process of being successfully implemented and has ended much of the debate.

Our delegates also attended a Reception hosted by the Communion Partners Rectors and Bishops that was held Friday afternoon. The Bishop of North Dakota was also in attendance and briefly addressed the assembled delegates.

With the establishment of two new Foundations, The Episcopal Health Foundation and the Great Commission Foundation this year's Council set the Diocese of Texas on a trajectory for continued growth and evangelism. Our bishop is committed to bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people within our diocese.



Don't Forget!
March 4, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper @ 6:00pm



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.

Focus On: Choir Members

The Trinity Church Choir is always open to new members but we understand that many of you who are interested in music and love to sing might be a little hesitant about joining a group of people that you don't know. So, in an effort to help you to know more about us, we are featuring reflections on each member and their choir background. Please know that we are friendly, outgoing folks and that our family is ready to welcome you!



Sue Boyd (Soprano):

Going back that far in my history is next to impossible! Let me just say that I started piano music at an early age and took lessons for twelve years. I was always interested in choir and spent my junior and senior high school years there. In college, with my sorority, I always participated in the "all campus SING". My granddaddy was especially proud of this because he sang in his "glee club" in HIS college!

Choir took a back seat until the year Joan Jones recruited me to this one. Folks, that was a LONG TIME ago. I have never regretted it. Lasting friendships have been formed, and many, many of those have passed away. Precious, precious people I would NEVER have known personally had our paths not crossed in Trinity Choir. It's that way now. We sing "to the glory of God", to complete the service, and to be together. Our family is ALWAYS open---come on in!

Humorous note: When I signed on for my first teaching job, I had to write a brief bio. I mentioned the 12 years on "the piano bench", and, when I was hired, they put in their HOMETOWN PAPER that they had hired an "accomplished musician". SSSSSSOOOOO not true. HARDLY! My family has always had a real hoot over that. Sue, our "accomplished musician"!



Sandy Toussaint (Alto):

When Sandy and Dick Toussaint moved to Marshall in '68 with Alcoa (from Minnesota by way of Iowa and Pennsylvania), it was a "given" that Sandy would seek out an Episcopal Church and that she would sing in the choir (if they would have her). Sandy was raised in Minnesota and Wisconsin by her Mother...not easy in the '30s and '40s. Her love of Music was only exceeded by her love for her Lord, her family and her Church. She has always been proud of her Alma Mater, St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, not only for the outstanding education that she received there but for the amazing environment of Faith and Music that permeates the St. Olaf experience. Sandy and Dick were married in 1956 upon college graduation and moved to Ames, Iowa, where Dick earned a Master's degree in Chemistry while working at the Atomic Energy Commission. Four years and two brilliant children later, they moved to Pennsylvania and a job with Alcoa. Eight years and two more brilliant children later, Alcoa decided that they should build a conductor cable plant in Marshall, Texas...and therein lies the rest of the story. Three of their four children are in the Dallas area, with Jeff, the youngest, living in Colo. Six amazing grandchildren, now ages 17 to 28 and an absolutely adorable great-granddaughter later, Sandy and Dick count their blessings daily! Sandy's work history has been fun...from nanny, lab technician, music teacher, waitress on a ship, nurse's aide in a children's hospital, cosmetic consultant, university administrator, museum development director, 17 years in radio as saleswoman and interview hostess and most importantly, mom and wife to retiree and volunteer. She loves the camaraderie of the Choir and the guidance of director Jim Johnson, but bemoans the fact that she's the only alto...was it something she said? The Choir is a wonderful way to serve the Lord...so join us!!

Rector's Meanderings

Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

We begin Lent this month with the coming of Ash Wednesday. This is a season of reflection and repentance in preparation for Easter. It is a time to reflect on our own lives to seek to find that speck of sin we may not know. More often than not, sin is plainly visible, we choose not to see it. In the Book of First Samuel we see an instant where two men called to be holy servants of God turn to their own proclivities for self satisfaction rather than to be servants of the one true God. In First Samuel the sons of Eli, the high priest, who were also priests, stole from the sacrifices people brought to offer God. In **1 Samuel 2:17** we read that this wasn't pleasing to God, *"Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the Lord; for they treated the offering of the Lord with contempt."*

We read this passage and think how terrible the sons of Eli were to treat what had been brought to God with contempt and to even think of stealing the offering of the people seems beyond the pale. The text makes it very clear that these two men were destructive to the worship of the Lord and destructive to the faith of the people.

They were destructive to worship in that in the middle of sacrifice they would come and take for themselves the choice pieces of the sacrifice. Thus they were stealing from God and the people. This affects the worship of others for they see this and nothing appears to be done about it. How can I focus on worship if one is profaning the worship? Their actions led people away from God rather than to God and as such were destructive to the faith of the people.

We don't hear a great deal about character anymore. There is a great deal of noise made about being prophetic in the church. But, character seems to be something we have placed upon the shelf of history and are quite content to leave there. It is character that the Sons of Eli lacked. They lacked it because they had not been taught it nor be held accountable for the lack of it. The Church today does not tend to hold clergy accountable, if they hold a politically correct position. And sadly, clergy do not often worry about being held accountable. Such leads to a paper theology of God, a theology that does not confront and question and thus build up. But, a theology where the goal is to make everything pleasant.

When we make things permissible in the name of God's love, we profane in the same manner as Eli's sons profaned God. We take what is offered as a holy way of living and declare it unholy, or unnecessary or ungodly. I believe such conduct reflects a total lack of godly character and the same behavior as those who would steal another's sacrifice to satisfy their own appetites.

Sin is not an amusing event in which God smiles knowingly and lets one pass by. It is a horrid thing that utterly destroys our relationship with God by separating us from God. During Lent each of us is to strive to seek not to be like one who would do that which is destructive to the faith of another but to repent of such words or actions and instead seek that which leads another to worship.



*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.

Women of Trinity

Sure hope that you were able to make the February meeting of Women of Trinity...it was such a pleasure to have Dr. Warren Johnson as our guest speaker. His programs on the Old Testament are always so interesting. The program for March 19, will feature one of "our own"...Harold Hoffmeister. When Harold moved to Marshall, he brought with him a family history of fascinating connections to the T&P Railroad and the railroad industry, in general. He has worked closely and diligently with the Marshall Depot, Inc., helping to educate and promote interest in this vital link to our local and national history. Harold has spoken to our group before and there were so many questions that his return visit was a "must" and is not to be missed. So ladies (and gentlemen, if we've piqued your interest), be sure to circle March 19 on your calendar and plan to be at Trinity's All Saints Hall at 11 a.m. for the meeting of Women of Trinity and for the lunch to follow at Noon. If you're interested and not on our calling list, please call the church office and tell Stacey or Susie that you'll be coming and that you would like to be called for the meetings. WOT is open to all Women of Trinity, no dues, just your ideas! Questions?

Call Sandy Toussaint at 903/938-3372.

Lenten Worship Schedule

Service of Imposition of Ashes

10:00 AM & 6:15 PM Ash Wednesday

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

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



Concert to be held at Trinity

Christian songwriter and singer, Micah Tyler is coming to Trinity on Saturday, May 17th at 6:00 PM for a concert with a reception to follow his performance. There is limited seating so reserve your tickets now by calling the office at 903-938-4246.



Birthdays

1 Matthew Hatch	18 Louis Slayter
1 Kent Spellings	19 Pamela Taylor
2 Angela Bray	19 Joel Truelove
3 Teresea Whaley	20 Emily Hill
4 Gary Hathaway	20 Mike Jeffries
4 Jim Weaver	20 Christian Welch
6 Clarence Brown	20 James Welch
6 Robin Reeves	21 Oliver Briggie
8 Sebastian Falke	23 Cameron McElroy
8 Leanna Westergaard	24 Claudia Abney
9 Ada Anderson	25 Jill Parr Brewer
12 Lowell Runyan	26 Cate Truelove
12 Keaton Howard	27 Clarissa Martin
12 Jack Weaver	28 Marjorie Bray
12 Fred Westergaard	28 Chase Tondee
15 Phalby Porter	28 Chase Staggers
15 Hannah Slayter	30 Juli Jameson
16 Glenda Knutson	31 Sara Cope
16 Beverly Smith	31 Richard Toussaint
17 Paul Palmer	

Anniversaries

8 Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Brown
12 Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Taylor
16 Mr. & Mrs. Pat Furrh
17 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Snyder
19 Mr. & Mrs. Rich Lundgren
25 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Abraham
28 Mr. & Mrs. John Bogue, Sr.
30 Mr. & Mrs. Bud Denney, Jr.

Church Financials and Attendance for January 2014

Budget Income for 2014	\$ 482,773
Budget Expenses for 2013	\$ 484,854
Budget Difference for 2013	(\$ 2,082)
Income Received to Date	\$ 37,418
Expenses to Date	\$ 43,698
Income for the month	\$ 37,418
Expenses for the month	\$ 43,698
Difference for the month	(\$ 6,280)
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 6,280)

Average Sunday Attendance to date	176
Average Sunday Attendance for January	176
Total Sunday Attendance to date	703
Total Attendance all other Services	1070

Minestrone (made by Jean McCarroll)

2 oz. olive oil = 1/3 cup	4 oz. zucchini, medium dice =
16 oz. onion sliced thin=	1 small zucchini
approx. 1 med.	16 oz canned diced tomatoes,
4 oz chopped celery =	do not drain
approx. 2 stalks	3 qt. beef stock or broth
4 oz. diced carrot=	1 tsp. basil
approx 2 med. carrots	3 oz. small macaroni, ie. Dita-
1 tsp. chopped garlic	lini = approx. 1/2 cup
3 oz. shredded green	12 oz. drained cannellini
cabbage = approx.	beans = approx. 1 can
1 /12 cups	1/4 cup chopped parsley
	Grated parmesan cheese

1. Heat olive oil in a heavy pot over medium heat
2. Add onion, carrots, celery, and garlic. Sweat them in the oil until they are almost tender. Do not brown.
3. Add the cabbage and zucchini. Stir to mix the vegetables. Continue to sweat for another 5 minutes.
4. Add the tomatoes, stock and basil. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer until the vegetables are almost cooked. The soup will continue to cook when the pasta is added.
5. Add the pasta and continue to simmer the coup until the pasta is cooked.
6. Add the beans and bring to a boil.
7. Add the parsley. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve immediately, garnished with parmesan cheese.

Note: Be sure not to over cook the vegetables.

Adapted from: Professional Cooking, Third Edition by Wayne Gisslen

Junior Daughters of the King

When we chose our theme for this year: Transformations, we selected the butterfly as our symbol. In keeping with that theme, the Juniors have discussed transformations, studied scripture about transformation, and created many lovely crafts to help remind them of the message:

Be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind in Christ Jesus.
(Romans 12:2)

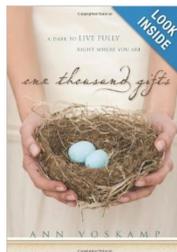
Coming up next, the Juniors are going to take an exciting field trip to the Texas Discovery Gardens and Butterfly House at Fair Park in Dallas! We are super-excited about this day-long trip with the girls and we hope that they will all have fun, think about the beauty of God's world, and enjoy each others' company and friendship!



Daughters of the King

Don't forget that the DOK are hosting a Bible Study and all the women of the church are invited. We are meeting on the 4th Monday of the month to study Ann Voskamp's wonderful book, *One Thousand Gifts*. We share prayer, discussion, and fellowship along with a light meal. All are welcome!

Next Meeting: March 24
5:30 pm



BIBLE STUDY:DURING LENT

The Lenten Lewis: C.S. Lewis' writing touches our faith from many perspectives. This study will examine several Lewis themes that are appropriate for Lent and is based on his book, *The Weight of Glory*. This Lenten Study will begin on Sunday, March 9th at 5:30 PM in classroom 1. It is being hosted by the Daughters of the King, all members of the parish are invited to attend. The study is designed with each class as a standalone class so if you miss one you will not be feeling left behind when you attend the next class.

Youth News!

Mission fundraisers

Come support our Youth on **March 5** for the Wednesday night dinner that they will cook & on **March 30** for the Sunday breakfast that they will be cooking.

30-Hour Famine

I'm really excited about this year's *30 Hour Famine* event, which takes place on **March 22**. I believe our youth will not only have fun but will come away being extremely blessed by the experience. Please be in prayer for our youth and adult volunteers involved in this event....oh and give! All of the money goes toward feeding hungry children. You can give online at Trinity Youth famine page, which you can find by following a link on the youth Facebook page. I also will continue to remind about our mission trip to Oklahoma City.

Please be in prayer for our youth and adult volunteers who will be a part of this mission.

Psalm 90

Right now my son is almost three months old. God uses every little thing he does to thrill me and touch my heart. It really is amazing. God did something recently that illustrates this perfectly. I was holding Elijah one Saturday morning and I told him, "Elijah, let's see what today's psalm is for Morning Prayer." When I read the first verse of the psalm, I was overwhelmed with joy. Psalm 90:1 says, "Lord, you have been our refuge throughout all generations." I sat there amazed by God's grace and mercy. I've read this verse before but never while being a father. God's covenant love, extended to us by Christ's sacrificial blood, now extends my son. God's faithfulness from generation to generation is now being demonstrated in his life. Elijah and his descendants can experience the faithfulness of the Lord just as I have. The passage says that God is our refuge or dwelling place (*ma'on*). In other words, the Lord is the place where we can find rest and peace even during the worst moments of our life. When you read the rest of Psalm 90, it's not exactly the most cheerful psalm. It talks about how life is short and full of trouble and sorrow. But even in the midst of so much pain and sorrow, God remains true. We will have Elijah baptized this month. And baptism is a moment where we see God's faithfulness being lived out and continuing on. Another Rutherford will be baptized into the Christ's Church and become identified with Jesus in his death and resurrection. As Christians, we all want our children to trust in the Lord and walk in his ways. We want them to seek him as their dwelling place, where they can have security and peace, blessing and rest. We want them to know that, although life is tough and hard at times, they can have peace that surpasses understanding, and that peace is found in Christ alone. I want my son to know that he can dwell under the wing of the Most High. I want my son to understand that he can take refuge in the Lord, just as I have, and that he will be secure in the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. I want the generations after me to know that life is short and not easy. But the God of Abraham will be their dwelling place during the storm of life, if they just have faith.

In Christ,

Scott



Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leadership



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

Luke 22:27

Parish Staff

The Rev. Dr.
John M. Himes, OSF
Rector

Scott Rutherford
Youth Minister

Caroline Donica
*Children's Christian
Formation*

Angela Bray
Nursery Director

Jim Johnson
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Stacey Shaw
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Sexton

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Vestry

Lowell Runyan
Senior Warden

Junior Warden
Henry Henderson

Laura Rectenwald
Clerk of the Vestry

Bud Bray

Erik Howard

Terry Weeks

Paul Palmer

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

Youth Program - 5:30 PM

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

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday

Meals on Wheels - 9:30 AM

Choir Rehearsal - 5:15 PM

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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