

THE WORD

from St. Andrew's

September 2022

Vestry Notes



At the August Vestry meeting, Fr. Maurice thanked the Vestry and congregation for the deluge of birthday cards he received on Sunday. He was quite touched. (The Vestry also polished off his birthday cake.)

He also reported on the SE Deanery meeting on Saturday, August 27th. This was the first time we'd gathered since the Pandemic, and was well attended, with a spirit of joy and reunion. The main item of business was to view the Diocesan "Budget Roadshow" which was presented online. This was a first look at the "draft draft" budget, very much a work in progress, and this meeting was to elicit comments from all the Deaneries, so that the "draft" budget presented at Convention will include feedback from the whole diocese.

Safety at Church

Due to recent, and recurring events, the Diocese has asked each congregation to review their "Active Shooter" protection plan. Recognizing that the possibility of a violent attack is low, but not zero, a Vestry committee of Earl Pittman and Cory Butler was delegated to do this. They presented a draft plan last month, which the Vestry approved in August. It primarily focuses on being alert, and on controlling access to the buildings. Unused rooms are to be locked, and all entrances except the Narthex are to be locked during services. (All exterior doors open from the inside even when locked.)

Ushers will be the first line of defense. They will have a brief training session to learn to evaluate potential threats and what actions to take in the event of a disturbance, or potential incident.

The parishioners are also asked to be a part of the plan, and to be alert for dangers at all church functions and indeed, at all public events, including grocery shopping.

The graphic below, from the Homeland Security Department, offers a guide to actions that individuals should take if worse comes to worst. We will be publicizing this guide frequently: it should become an ingrained part of our self-defense mindset.

Vigilance is not inconsistent with our call to be a welcoming church. In fact, greeting strangers is part of the evaluation process and can sometimes defuse a potential risk through the power of human interaction. As a church, we are called on to welcome the stranger, and also to safeguard our congregants. By being prepared and attentive, we can do both.

RUN HIDE FIGHT

BE PREPARED | ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE

RUN

If a safe path is available, **RUN**

- Do not hesitate, get out
- Leave your belongings
- Do not attempt to move injured people

HIDE

If you cannot get out safely, **HIDE**

- Be quiet and silence your phone
- Block entrances and lock doors
- Stay out of the shooter's view

FIGHT

If your life is in danger, **FIGHT**

- Try to disable the shooter
- Use improvised weapons
- Fight like your life depends on it

FIGHT ONLY AS A LAST RESORT

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Priest in Charge at Large...

As we near the end of August much that once started in September is already in full swing: school has started with all that involves and life seems rushed. Indeed, Vestry will have met by the time you read this, delegates and myself will have gone to Deanery meeting, I will have 3-day Clergy conference, EFM will be about to begin, and we are approaching Diocesan Convention. Then there are my personal obligations, meetings, etc. Certainly thankful to be retired!

All this is a mea culpa for not giving you a starting date for the promised study of *The Lord's Prayer*, which should begin the 1st Sunday in October. Each session will last no more than 30 minutes and will begin about 15 minutes after the 10:00 service is over, giving you time to grab something to drink, etc. All will be in the parish hall.

Maurice +



Senior Warden Sez...

The Story of Macaluso and Fuss

Upon the realization that intubation brings transition of vocalization to discontinuation

Upon realization, intervention, cooperation, and collaboration,

perfection is achieved via heavenly sounds.



Appreciation abounds with enough to go around

"What we take for granted ...
 someone else is praying for."

"Keep us mindful of the needs of others" - Deacon Bud Milner, RIP

Nursery care is once again available during the Sunday service!

The room is located in the Education wing, off the Parish Hall, and all children **ages 6 and under** are welcome.



More help will be needed soon. Would you volunteer for the most fun job in the church? Call the Church Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Manuel Linares, Jeremiah Bryant, Laura Read, Nancy Hartwick, Janet Macaluso, Richard Altans, Marty Childress & family, Alec, John Fuss, Cyndy Collins, Andrew Patton, Rebecca & Rick, Mary Ritter, Burnitta McClung, Bruce Currier, Mike Brazie, Billie Weber, Richard Hanson, Karen & Pat Hendricks, Lorinda & Royce, Jeanelle McGuire, Andy Morehouse, Kelli, Jack Giovo, Stu Shanor, Carol Anne, Marilyn Manatt, Gary & Enid Smith, Michelle, Ann Wonders, Isabel Castillo, Lisa Huff, Molly Pittman, Dwight & Anne Crowder, Julie Deaton, Betty, Aaron & Sarah, Kim C., Doug Morris, Maddy, Abby K & family, Martin Kelley, Victoria Cobb, Pat Wiberg, Andrew W., Matthew, Kendall Kelley, David Smith, Breanna Hickey, Rachel, Amanda Olivo, Sevie Bates, Florence Carr, Beth Rogers, Jeannine Byron, Melody Green, Marisa, Lew Hightower, Clayton Thompson, Bill & Meredith Patton, Annette Mader, Julian Linares, Raymond Linares, Jennifer Linares, Jean Hooper, Cassie, Gary Larson, Sandi Olivo, Fern Simpson, Anna K,

- Our Home-bound: Lynn Waggoner, John Keeth, Alice Smith, Cory Woodbury
- Ministries of St. Andrew's, Fr. Maurice, the Vestry, and the Foundation; Layreaders, Ushers, the Choir, and Altar Guild, Teresa, Janet, and our Sexton Ernie
- Outreach ministries: Wings for L.I.F.E, Andy's Community Breakfast, Needle Arts ministry; Four Paws Pet Pantry, Starting Line, Community Kitchen
 - The Diocese of the Rio Grande, Bishop Michael Hunn, Canon Lee Curtis
 - For Camp Stoney, the RRG Youth Council, and Br. Angel Roque, Youth Missioner
 - For Diocesan Councils, Committees, Commissions, Borderlands Ministries
 - For the SE Deanery, Fr. Rod Hurst, Dean
 - RCC Inmates & Officers; Guards & Teachers; CCDC inmates & staff;
 - Those who have COVID-19 and those who care for them; and for those who are taking precautions to protect others
 - Those who Mourn
 - All those in the Armed Forces serving in the US and on foreign soil and their families;
 - The People of Ukraine, and all refugees, and those providing help for them
 - Victims of fires, floods, storms, and other disasters falling disproportionately on the poorest, and all who seek to relieve and support them.
- For the unemployed and the homeless; for the needy and hungry, for the will and means to help them
 - For the unloved and those who have no one to pray for them;
- For our leaders in the city, state, and nation: wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties
- For peace, and for those who threaten it, turning the hearts of those who would harm others

Harvests under threat from floods and drought.

A prayer for the Calling of a Priest

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many blessings bestowed upon our parish family as we join in worship and fellowship. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, please provide a priest of your choosing who has a strong commitment to our Lord and the teachings of the Gospel and will faithfully guide, strengthen, inspire, and grow our parish family so we can do Your work in helping those in our community desperately in need of the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



From the Kalendar

Michael and All Angels (Sept 29)

On the Feast of Michael and all Angels, popularly called Michaelmas, we give thanks for the many ways in which God's loving care watches over us, both directly and indirectly, and we are reminded that the richness and variety of God's creation far exceeds our knowledge of it.

The Holy Scriptures often speak of created intelligences other than humans who worship God in heaven and act as His messengers and agents on earth. We are not told much about them, and it is not clear how much of what we are told is figurative. Jesus speaks of them as rejoicing over penitent sinners (Lk 15:10). Elsewhere, in a statement that has been variously understood (Mt 18:10), He warns against misleading a child, because their angels behold the face of God. (Acts 12:15 may refer to a related idea.)

In the Hebrew Scriptures, it is occasionally reported that someone saw a man who spoke to him with authority, and who he then realized was no mere man, but a messenger of God. Thus we have a belief in super-human rational created beings, either resembling men in appearance or taking human appearance when they are to communicate with us. They are referred to as "messengers of God," or simply as "messengers." The word for a messenger in Hebrew is *malach*, in Greek, *angelos*, from which we get our word "angel"

By the time of Christ, Jewish popular belief included many specifics about angels, with names for many of them. There were thought to be four archangels, named Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, and Uriel. An alternative tradition has seven archangels (see Tobit 12:15 and 1 Enoch 20). Michael (the name means "Who is like God?") is said to be the captain of the heavenly armies. He is mentioned in the Scriptures in Daniel 10:13,31; 12:1 (where he is said to be the prince of the people of Israel); in Jude 9 (where he is said to have disputed with the devil about the body of Moses); and in Revelation 12:7 (where he is said to have led the heavenly armies against those of the great dragon). He is generally pictured in full armor, carrying a lance, and with his foot on the neck of a dragon. (Pictures of the Martyr George are often similar, but only Michael has wings.)

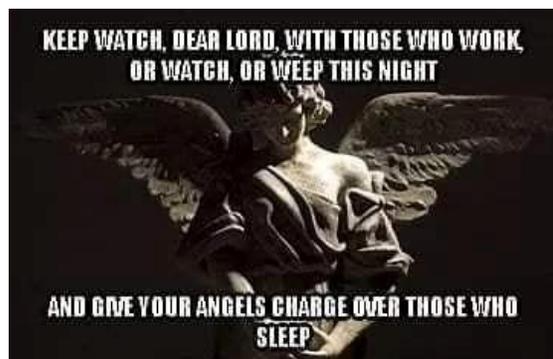


What is the value to us of remembering the Holy Angels? Well, since they appear to excel us in both knowledge and power, they remind us that, even among created things, we humans are not the top of the heap. Since it is the common belief that demons are angels who have chosen to disobey God and to be His enemies rather than His willing servants, they remind us that the higher we are the lower we can fall. The greater our natural gifts and talents, the greater the damage if we turn them to bad ends. The more we have been given, the more will be expected of us. And, in the picture of God sending His angels to help and defend us, we are reminded that apparently God, instead of doing good things directly, often prefers to do them through His willing servants, enabling those who have accepted His love to show their love for one another.

(James Kiefer continues his study of angels with an interesting but very long section he titled **Everything You Never Wanted to Know about Angels.**

You can find it here <http://satucket.com/lectionary/Michael.htm>

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Happy Birthday

- 9/5 - Cory Butler
Fr. Dale Plummer
- 9/7 - Phoenix Grammer
- 9/9 - Sharon Butler
- 9/10 - Lorinda Wilkins
- 9/12 - Barbara Browne
Mary Ritter
- 9/14 - Katie Espinosa
Anita Smith
- 9/17 - Diane Marshall
- 9/19 - Janet Perri
- 9/24 - Lew Hightower
Enid Smith
- 9/28 - David Knadle
Gary Larson
- 9/30 - Mary Shepard



Roland Schenck has moved:
 Roland Schenck
 c/o Poet's Walk
 5438 Presidio Parkway
 San Antonio, TX 78249



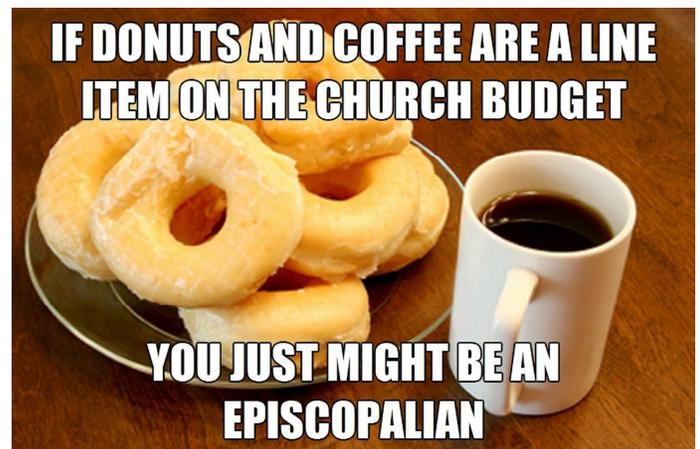
Some of our September birthday folks are far away (but only physically). Show them they are still present in your hearts:

Gary Larson
 1000 Riverview Dr. SE, Apt 206
 Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Fr Dale Plummer
 6412 SE 88th Street
 Oklahoma City, OK 73135

Mary Ritter
 Morning Star Memory Care
 2301 Golf Course Rd., SE
 Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Mary Shepard
 PO Box 6841
 Oak Ridge, TN 37831



The deadline for the September Word is

September 23th.

Send anything you would like to share to Charmaine Martin.

charmainem704@gmail.com

Sign up to host coffee hour!
 Share the task with a friend.
 Sign-up sheet in kitchen.

Around St. Andrew's

FOUR PAWS PET PANTRY



Pet Food Distribution
Wednesday, September 21
3:30 to 5:30 at the 5th Street Entrance

Bagging starts at 2:30.
Please Come and Help!

Your gifts of pet food make it possible!

You may make a monetary donation or just buy a bag of dry food and drop it off at the Church

(Call First 622-1353)

Please bring Dog (and Cat) Food to the Church Office

If you prefer you may order the Pet food from

Chewy.com

They deliver!!

Gallon Size Ziploc Bags also needed



Needle Arts Ministry

Needle Arts will have its first meeting of the Fall on Tuesday, September 20th at 10:00 in the Parish Hall. Coffee and donuts will be served, and we hope that everyone who has helped with receiving blankets, knit hats, and prayer/comfort shawls or just and anyone interested in the Needle Arts projects will come.

The plan is to discuss what Needle Arts will look like going forward. Do we want to meet every month or just a few times a year? Do we want to continue with the same projects, or are there other projects we could do? Hope to see you all in September.

Please Call Debbie Smith to help with this ministry 623-8791



Daughters of the King

September 16 2pm

Church Office

We'll be making Anglican Rosaries.



Food Collection

Ember Days

Once again, we are collecting food for the Community Kitchen in observance of Ember Days.

Ingathering Sunday Sept 25th

Please bring staple foods: rice, beans, pasta (except spaghetti) and large No. 10 cans of veggies and/or fruit.

You can also make a monetary donation. Simply make your check payable to St. Andrew's and note "Community Kitchen" in the memo line



Andy's Breakfast!

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Andy's Breakfast's return to sit-down service is a great success. Wonderful to see guests and volunteers mingling in the Parish Hall.

We can always use help with the clean up.. Please call Greg Anderson to find out how you can help. Or just **show up** in the Parish Hall at 9:30 for clean-up crew.



Donations ALWAYS Needed !!!

Andy's Place also tries to provide simple toiletry items, and we are out of almost everything. Please help with donations of sunscreen, tooth brushes & small tooth paste, small deodorant, razors, small shampoo & conditioner, hand soap & sanitizer, facial tissue, and socks for men & women. There is a basket in the Narthex for these items or you can drop them by the office.

Monetary donations are also welcome.

Be sure to note in the memo line:

Andy's Breakfast Supplies.

If you would like to help in the kitchen, call Greg Anderson, 575-420-1300. To help with the other distributions, call Carol Anne Linson, 575-420-5814



Good cooks and/or willing helpers are needed for the **Bereavement Committee**. You'll be asked to be "on call" for a month to provide/host a funeral reception or a family meal for parishioners who have suffered a loss. Or to help out a parish family who may need meals brought during a convalescence. One person will chair each month to coordinate, and the larger the crew, the less work there is for each. Please call the church office to choose your month.

Scholarships

St. Andrew's offers scholarships for members to use for post-Secondary education. The deadline to apply is the end of September. Please ask Greg Anderson for more information.



To make a donation to this ministry of love and support to our students, make your check to Str. Andrew's, and note "Scholarships" in the memo line.



The Children's Choir room has undergone a refit: Jr. Warden Cory Butler and Sexton Ernie Meda installed shades on the east-facing windows, so the children will not be baked.

The Women of St. Andrew's donated money to purchase a colorful rug for the room, which is quite vibrant, and will become the grounds for games and learning.

We are ready for the kids to start on September 11th!

Parish Hall Bulletin Boards

Sue Evans has agreed to take on the task of updating the bulletin boards in the parish hall. It's not a simple task, and **she would welcome some help!**

She is also looking for some **new pictures** of our parish family:

- for the Wall of Honor ~
1st responders, those serving in the military
- showing participation in hobbies, sports, school activities
- "1st day of school" pictures



Please get your pictures to Sue or bring them by the church office, and let Sue know that you are ready to **help her** refresh the boards!



Children's Choir will be back this fall! We'll begin on Sunday, September 11th after the service and meet until 11:45a.m Open to ALL kids, age 4 to 5th grade, and they don't have to be members of St Andrew's.

St. Andrew's Choir has begun regular rehearsals on **Wednesday nights at 6pm.**

The Undercover Chorister:

"What's the difference between a hymn and an anthem?"

In a hymn, you sing "The cows are in the corn."

In an anthem, you sing:

"The Cows are in the Corn,

The cows, the cows, the cows are in the corn

In the Corn, the corn, the corn, in the corn

The Cows are in the Corn" (repeat and repeat)



The Starting Line

(Part 10 of a series on Lay Ministries)



The Starting Line has a new agency to which we are furnishing appropriate clothes for interviews and employment. Joanne Romero (board member) is now with Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act for Youth. Joanne helps with 16-24 year olds in school

or out of school. These youths have low income, and can be an offender and/or in foster care. The youth may also be pregnant or parenting, disabled or homeless. Joanne's agency provides tutoring/study skills training, alternative secondary school services, and occupational skills training, and so much more.

Pat Walker has also established a new contact at Goodwill, Yolanda Duran, who also works with young clients to find gainful employment. Goodwill offers interview techniques, updating computer skills, counseling, and follow-up with clients and employers.

Leanne Bratland, Assistance League liaison at the Thrift Shop, has been invaluable, donating her time with The Starting Line clients and finding appropriate clothing for their needs. Donations of gently used clothing can be dropped off at the Thrift Shop, 100 N. Union Ave. (575-624-1185) You will need to call and be sure an Assistance League volunteer is there to help unload your donation. You also need to designate The Starting Line to be considered one of our donors.

Pat Walker, "gopher", assists referred clients to purchase shoes (particularly non-skid shoes) in order to work in a restaurant environment. Pat is reimbursed from the Starting Line account, maintained by St. Andrew's. The account was made possible by a grant from The Women's Project (director Yasmine Armstrong) a sub-group of United Way. Donations are always welcome to help sustain The Starting Line's sixth year of operations. Please make your check payable to St. Andrew's, and note "The Starting Line" in the memo line on the face of the check.

Friends of the Roswell Public Library presents

Books on Wheels

Extending library services to those in our community who love to read but are unable to go the Roswell Public Library to check out books.

Library books are checked out and delivered by volunteers to Books on Wheels participants.

When the library books are due, a volunteer will return those books to the library and at the same time bring more books to the participant

To learn how you can help, call or visit the Friends of the Library's Bookstore, Books Again, at 308 N Richardson. Call 575-627-6179, and leave your name and phone number in a message.

Call Jerry O'Dette for more information.



Community Kitchen

They are Serving Lunch from 11:00 to 12:15

Monday through Friday

Sack Lunches on Saturdays and Sundays

If you are interested in helping out at the Community Kitchen please call Judith White or Ronnie Whitaker and let them know



Judith 575-622-5064 Ronnie 575-622-3849

Baptism!

On any given Sunday, you can walk into an Episcopal Church, and find yourself in a Baptism. This is a relatively recent development (within the past 50 years.) In the previous century, Baptism was performed as a private ceremony – just the family, parents and Godparents.

That wasn't church teaching: just something that evolved to accommodate parents. Like infant baptism. Originally baptism was a symbolic washing away of sins (like the Baptism that John preached). Christ made it something more. Christian baptism is dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ. It is initiation into the Christian community, and into the Family of God. In the very early church, it was performed after a period of "formation" – study and self-examination, confession and renunciation of one's former sins and allegiances to false Gods

It was in the persecutions that infant baptism, and the selection of Godparents, became popular. When you didn't know if you would survive the next legionaries' raid, it was important to know that your children were part of the Church, and the Church would look after them and care for their physical and spiritual upbringing. That is still the basic rationale for infant baptism; that, and the thought that one should grow up knowing the Love of God, through the love of His people.

The Church has always held that Baptisms should be held at public services. The earliest Prayer Book I have access to is a Victorian English edition that states, "The people are admonished that it is most convenient that Baptism should not be administered except on Sundays, and other Holy Days, when the most number of people come together." Nevertheless, in practice, private baptisms became the norm: held at the church as a stand-alone service, with family and friends only, like weddings.

But, Baptism is not a family matter, (the child is already a member of the family); it is a Church matter; the whole Church Family should be present. And that viewpoint, helped by Bishop's edicts, is beginning to prevail. This is good news, because the Baptism Service shows the Church at its best. The repetition of the Baptismal Covenant (p. 304) reminds all of us of the pledges we made (or had made for us as infants) at our own Baptisms. To continue in fellowship, to repent when we fall, to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and to respect the dignity of every human being. We pledge again to do these things, to assist the newly baptized to do them, and we acknowledge we cannot do them except "with God's help." -From the "Behind the Board" archives

Let us welcome the newly baptized!



Sarah Mercedes (Sadie) Yntema

August 7, 2022

Junior Warden Report

The Junior Warden and Sexton had a busy month as usual. The air conditioning in the Nave, which had gone out last month, has been repaired. For a while, we limped by on 3 of 4 units, but now all are functioning.

The carpet in the nave has been cleaned, which is a rather big deal, because it is long-wearing wool, which requires special care, and must be stretched after cleaning to avoid big wrinkles which could be a trip hazard. The rugs in the gallery were also cleaned, as were the carpets in the office.

The conversion to blazing fast fiber-optic internet and phones has been completed,

The gardens around the “butterfly” St. Andrew’s cross have been replanted, and a temporary sprinkler system installed, so the plants can get the water they need. (without the Jr. Warden having to come down at 5 am to water them.)

To finish off the kitchen cleaning project, someone was hired to clean the ovens. The dishwasher/sanitizer hadn’t been used in at least five years, so instead of crossing fingers and “letting ‘er rip”, Bush Appliance was called in to inspect it. They declared it in perfect functioning order with no issues. So now we can use our lovely china.

Just in time ...



DINNER TIME!

Beginning on September 7, Sissy Mayne, Karen Fuss, and anyone who wants to help, will be serving a simple but delicious dinner in the Parish Hall at 5:00 p.m. With a cost of \$5 a plate, it is designed as a fund-raiser as well as an opportunity for fellowship. Help will especially be needed with cleanup, since the cooks will be at Choir Practice! Please call Sissy Mayne for more information, or to volunteer.

The Women of St. Andrew's will begin regular meetings again in September, and all women in the church are welcome!

Our first meeting back will be **Monday, September 12th**, at Sue Evans' home. Fellowship begins at 9:30am and the meeting will start at 10:00am. Please plan to attend!

Mark your October calendars:



St Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of animals, famous for preaching to the birds (when the people wouldn't listen. And lo, the people heard him preaching to the birds, and started listening) and for taming a wolf who was terrorizing a village (by listening to his needs. Perhaps he should be the Patron Saint of listening.)

His feast day is October 4, and so it is traditional to hold a Blessing of the Animals on or near that day. At St. Andrew's, we usually do it on the Sunday following his Feast Day, and this year is no different.

The **Blessing of the Animals** will be Sunday, October 9 at 2 pm in the portico in front of the church.

An offering will be taken for donation to the Roswell Humane Society.

Bring your pets of all kinds, leashed or in carriers. (Large animals, such as horses, donkeys or llamas will be blessed in the parking lot.)



Exodus

by Charles Currier

Previously, we finished the book of Genesis, the first book of the Torah (teaching or law, in Hebrew) or Pentateuch (5 books, in Greek). These books take their names from the first few words or sentences in each book or its major theme. “Genesis”, a Greek word meaning beginning, comes from the first few words of Genesis, “In the beginning” (English translation of the Hebrew word, “bereshit”). The second book of the Torah is Exodus, a Greek word meaning “exit”. However, the Hebrew word originally used for the book, is “sh’mot” which means “names”. The first sentence of Exodus reads, “These are the *names* of the children of Israel who came to Egypt...”. Exodus includes the story Moses and the 10 commandments, which undergirds the Judeo-Christianity and, by extension, Western Civilization.

Historians date the events in Exodus between 1400 BC to 1200 BC. There is limited archaeological evidence of the events described in Exodus. Not surprisingly, the pharaoh at the time, nor later rulers, didn’t publicize a humiliating defeat at the hands of slaves in their hieroglyphic carvings on temples. Although archaeological evidence of the events of Exodus are limited, Judaism has celebrated the “Exodus” annually for nearly 3,200 years. No other event has been memorialized by a people, annually, for that length of time.

In Hebrew, Torah has just 4 letters, TORH. We include the “a” to complete the phonetics. When reading Exodus, after coming to the first Hebrew “T”, count 49 letters and the 50th letter will be a Hebrew “O”. Count 49 letters and the next letter (50th) will be a Hebrew “R”. This pattern continues to spell out TORH throughout the book. The same pattern exists in Genesis. The books of Numbers and Deuteronomy are the same in reverse (HROT), which is repeated until the end of each book. In Leviticus, the tetragrammaton (YHVH) is repeated every 7 letters. The numbers are significant. 49 is 7 times 7. Seven is a holy number in Hebrew, designating divine completion. G-d created the heavens and the earth in 6 days and rested on the 7th. The Sabbath day – Shabbat in Hebrew – is on the 7th day; there are 7 days for the feasts of Passover and Shavuot (Feast of Weeks). There are numerous other examples. The number 50 is also significant. There are 50 chapters in Genesis, the Feast of Pentecost (Shavuot), literally means 50, which

we celebrate as the birth of the Church. Jewish tradition is that Moses was on Mt. Sinai for 50 days and every 50 years is the Jubilee (Shemitah in Hebrew), when all debts are forgiven and all slaves freed.

Let’s begin Exodus, which undergirds our Judeo-Christian heritage. Exodus starts where Genesis ended. It recounts that Jacob (Israel) brought his entire family to Egypt, 70 people in all, including Joseph. Over the centuries, the Israelites prospered and were prolific. Later pharaohs, however, had no “knowledge” of Joseph. Joseph had saved Egypt, but subsequent pharaohs had *forgotten*. Instead, they looked upon the Israelites with fear and dread. They reasoned that if Egypt were attacked, the Israelites could join the invaders and topple pharaoh. So, the Israelites, who built Egyptian cities, were enslaved. Even that did not placate the fear of Pharaoh. He ordered that all male Israelite babies were to be killed. Recall, Herod, and the killing of all male children in Bethlehem. Pharaoh decreed midwives to kill the babies during birth, but they balked, so he ordered all newborn male Hebrew babies to be drowned in the river.

A male baby was born to a couple from the tribe of Levi. They hid him as long as they could but at three months, they made the decision to float him down the Nile, and perhaps to safety. They made an ark for the baby and sealed the ark

with pitch. The Hebrew words for ark and pitch are identical in describing Noah’s ark. As it happened, Pharaoh’s daughter was bathing in the Nile and saw the



ark and had compassion on the baby. Her servants (including Moses’ sister) offered to find a Hebrew woman to nurse the child. By coincidence (Jewish scholars say there are no coincidences in the Bible), the child’s mother was selected to care for the baby. Pharaoh’s daughter raised the child as her own and named him Moses (loosely translated: son, drawn from the water).

The story of Moses begins. His life in Egypt and exile to the wilderness in the next article.

In the Diocese ...

Southeast Deanery

The SE Deanery is the division of the Diocese in the SE corner of New Mexico, composed of churches in Roswell, Artesia, Hobbs, Tucumcari, Clovis, Portales, Carlsbad and Lincoln County (Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso and chapels in Glencoe and Carrizozo) We generally meet once per quarter for fellowship, mutual support, joint ministries, and to participate in diocesan decision making. The parish and mission delegates to Convention are automatically delegates to the Deanery meeting.

Covid, plus the retirement of the Dean, had kept us apart since 2021, so it was with joy we met on Saturday, August 26th at St. Paul's in Artesia. Our new Dean, Fr, Rod Hurst of Grace Church in Carlsbad, presided over the meeting, and rang the bell calling us to Eucharist.*

The main official business of the meeting was to review and provide input on the Diocesan budget for 2023, but the real heart of the meeting was sharing our stories together (and a wonderful lunch by the ladies of St. Paul's)

Like St. Andrew's, most of our congregations are re-gathering after Covid, shaking off the torpor of summer and beginning to joy in ministry together again. St. Anne's in Glencoe held a "Christmas in July" and hosts a monthly Community Dinner.

Bob Miller, Sr Warden at St. James in Clovis reported on their Search process, the ministry of their lay-readers, and their quarterly potlucks. They installed three new members of Daughters of the King.

Rev. Nancy Antrim at St. Christopher's in Hobbs is leading an Adult Sunday School, as they have no children at present. They are writing letters inviting members to return to church now that the pandemic restrictions are easing.



* Fr. Rod had a little trouble with the electric switch that causes the bell to ring. Fr. Maurice, having spent 14 years as Vicar at St. Paul's explained that it was very tricky – it would work, but only if it wanted to. He said it gave them trouble for years, and during a discussion with the Wardens about it, the oldest member of the congregation, then in her nineties said, "If you don't like the bell, just take it back to the dump. That's where we got it." It seems another church in Artesia had just discarded it, and the leaders of St. Paul's went to the town dump and rescued it.

What is this banner? What do the symbols represent?

Answers: The Sacraments. Water = Baptism ; Chalice = Eucharist ; Flames = Confirmation ; Rings = Matrimony ; Crown of Thorns = Confession & Reconciliation ; Stole = Holy Orders ; Dish (of Holy oil) = Unction, Anointing for Healing. The Seven crosses? Seven Sacraments? 7 gift of the Spirit? Something else? Bonus symbol: someone suggested the large cross resembled the Zia.

In the Anglican Communion...

The Lambeth Conference: July 22—August 6



The hope that the Lambeth Calls would serve to speak with one voice the mind of the Anglican Communion was not to be realized. The drafts were not the result of a collegial process, and though perfectly clear to their mostly English drafters, they struck many bishops from other parts of the world as un-nuanced. And the act of voting on these “non-resolutions” was in itself controversial, and was abandoned in favor of more informal discussions. In most cases, the commitment made was to continue to walk together, in Christ’s love, even when agreement was not to be found.

There was one subject on which the bishops spoke with one voice, though not in words, and that was:

‘Creation to be treasured’

A DAY in Lambeth Palace in the middle of the Conference was designed to be a change of scene for the bishops, and a chance to focus on questions about the environment, *writes Francis Martin*.

As they trooped into Lambeth Palace, they were greeted by about 20 activists from Christian Climate Action. But there was no stand-off, and instead the bishops engaged with and encouraged the protesters, talking and praying with them. “Their response was fantastic,” one activist said afterwards.

Unlike on other days during the Conference, the Lambeth Calls were not the main attraction. Instead the focus was on the launching of the Anglican Communion Forest, an initiative to encourage dioceses across the world to take actions that preserve and regenerate the environment. <https://www.comunionforest.org/>



The project started with the planting of a tree in the garden of Lambeth Palace, in which all bishops and guests were invited to participate. The tree-planting, with a short liturgy, followed lunch, speeches, and discussion held in a vast marquee in the garden.

The first of the Lambeth Calls on the environment was broad-ranging: to “treasure God’s marvellous creation”, urging world leaders to “enact bold and urgent policy changes”, and to “recognise the wisdom within faith communities about the value and care of creation”.

Such positions were a “no-brainer” for the Church, said the Bishop of Wellington in New Zealand, the Rt Revd Justin Duckworth. He welcomed the chance to focus on the environment, and to gain encouragement and inspiration from the efforts being made in other provinces.

The secretary-general of the UN, António Guterres, addressed bishops in a video message. Mr Guterres, a practicing Roman Catholic, said that the actions of the bishops as they “walk, listen, and witness together”, offered a blueprint for progress.

“It calls upon all people to bring values to life, not through words, but through action and service to others, and to deliver the economic, social, and environmental justice that our world needs now more than ever.”

The Archbishop of Canterbury also addressed the assembled bishops, along with Caroline Welby, his wife. Referring to the usually verdant trees that in the garden, Archbishop Welby pointed to the effects of the heatwave and drought: a visual sign of climate change.

“For many of you, it is already a terrible, terrible disaster,” he said, and drew attention to the “downward spiral” in which increasingly scarce resources creates conflict, which in turn prevents action being taken on climate change. Reported by Church Times

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2022/19-august/features/features/lambeth-calls-environment-and-sustainable-development>

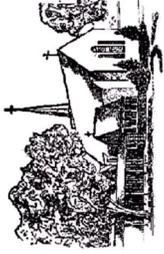
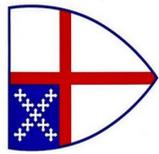


Outreach Ministries Funds — July 2022

FUND	Beginning Balance	JULY DONATIONS	JULY EXPENDI- TURES	July 31, 2022 FUND BALANCE
Andy's Breakfast	\$ 211.48	\$ 721.12	\$ 0.00	\$ 931.60
EfM Tuition	343.00	0.00		343.00
Needle Arts	1,867.42	500.00	0.00	2,367.42
Pet Pantry	3,800.55	540.00	0.00	4,340.55
Rector's Outreach (Discretionary Fund)	11,697.29	0	1,579.30	10,117.99
Starting Line	1,549.74	0.00	0.00	1,549.74
Altar Fund	1,011.44	0.0	0.00	1,011.44
Unspecified Mission and Outreach	8,509.52	600.00	0.00	9,109.52
Choir Fund	357.79	0.00	0.00	357.79
Children's Choir	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Youth Group	4,521.42	0.0	0.00	4,521.42
Scholarship Fund	3,765.00	5,000.00	0.00	8,765.00

Income and Expense Report — July 2022

	<u>July 2022</u>	<u>July Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Ordinary Income:				
Plate Offerings	\$ 303.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,584.00	\$ 1,750.00
Current Pledges	4,1091.50	12,446.00	77,671.98	87,446.00
Pre-Paid Pledges	0.00	0.00		0.00
Unpledged Contrib	3,795.00	2,880.00	10,931.00	20,400.00
Special Offerings *	0.00	0.00	308.00	0.00
Foundation Income	0.00	0.00	73,084.59	73,084.59
Altar Flowers	140.00	100.00	825.00	700.00
Other Income	0.00	163.00	785.00	1,165.00
Income—Total	8,429.50	15,839.00	165,135.59	184,545.59
Payroll Expenses	12,171.66	18,332.41	76,167.18	105,674.88
Other Expenses	12,098.87	8,800.00	70,940.44	73,433.00
Total Expenses	24,270.53	27,132.41	147,107.62	179,107.88
Net Ordinary Income	<u>\$ (15,841.003)</u>	<u>\$ (11,293.41)</u>	<u>\$ 18,027.97</u>	<u>\$ 5,437.71</u>



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 28 Summer Choir 9 :15 Holy Eucharist 10 am	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day—Office closed	6	7 Dinner 5 pm	8	9	10
Holy Eucharist 10 am Discretionary Fund Offering	12 Women of St. Andrew's 9:30 am	13	14 Dinner 5 pm	15	16	17
11 Holy Eucharist 10 am Children's Choir 11	19	20	21 Pet Pantry	22 Choir Practice 6 pm	23 Daughters of the King 2 pm	24
18 Holy Eucharist 10 am Children's Choir 11	26	27	28 Dinner 5 pm	29 Choir Practice 6 pm	30	Andy's Breakfast Clean-up Crew 9:30 Oct 1
25 Holy Eucharist 10 am Children's Choir 11 Ember Day		Vestry 4:30 p.m.	Choir Practice 6 pm		WORD deadline	



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Sunday Services

In-Person and Livestream

10 am

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL.

Please Observe Social distancing

Persons in high-risk categories are encouraged to stay home and join us on Facebook, live-stream or view it later

**Both N-95 and Surgical-style masks
are available in the Narthex**

(N-95s are the only masks approved to protect against the omicron variant.)

Check the CDC map. If it's **RED**, masks are required. Otherwise, they're optional.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

BLESS TO US, O LORD,
this earth on which we walk,
each mountain top,
sunlit sky.

BLESS TO US, O LORD,
the beauty that we see,
SOARING eagle,
BUTTERFLY.

BLESS TO US, O LORD,
the peace within our heart
when filled with joy
OR SORROW.

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