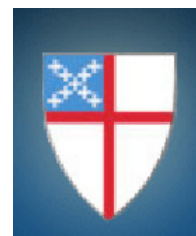


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St. Lukes Newsletter



February, 2014

***“To Know
Christ and To
Make Christ
Known”***

***2014 Parish
Theme:***

***Our Village
within Vital
practice
merits a
View for Vi-
brancy***

**Our Vestry mem-
bers** are Malcolm
Smith (Senior War-
den), Crissie
Bashom (Junior
Warden), Susan
Burgess (Treasurer),
Cinnie Hill (Clerk),
Susan Dillinger,
Jay Hildreth, Doug
Elcock

Rector's page

Humility as the Foundation of Forgiveness

One of my dearest mentors is Brother Wayne Teasdale, OSB Cam. He is a monk in the Order of St. Benedict of Nursia, which is also influenced by the early 11th Century reformation of monastic life at Camaldoli, Italy. So, he is a Camaldolese Benedictine monk. On May 17, 2005, I entered this order of monastics/monks by making Oblation of my whole life and to live according to the Rule of St. Benedict and the Little Rule of St. Romuald, which meant that I was to take up a spiritual discipline that was perhaps, one step beyond my vocation as a baptized Christian. Moreover, I think it was God's call within a call that drew me into the monastic order of Camaldolese Benedictines. In order to become an Oblate, I had to go through 18 months of prayer and study with a final deliberation in the presence of the Oblate Director, Brother Bede Healey, OSB Cam. My process to become an oblate started in January of 2004. As a part of that process I had planned to visit several monks who were living in the world. Cyprian Consiglio in Santa Cruz, CA and Wayne Teasdale in Chicago, IL were my top priorities. I met Cyprian, but two weeks prior to my planned visit to Chicago to see Wayne, he died suddenly of cancer. Only some 15 days after diagnosis, Wayne had gone beyond his physical body through death.

Wayne is my brother monk who is still my mentor, whom I never was able to meet in person. Here is a Vital Practice for us to share ministry in while we begin to live into our theme; "Our Village within Vital Practice merits a View for Vibrancy."

"Humility begins with self-honesty about our actions,
attitudes, and speech.

It compels us to accept the fact that
we are capable of being wrong,
perhaps even when we are convinced we are right.

It means that we acknowledge our mistakes,
not years from now,
but when they are made.

We must be willing to own up to these mistakes
before others and not simply ourselves.

Such humility is a basic operating principle of ordinary life.

Without it, we can hardly move at all,
since the mystical/contemplative process is based on honesty and
humility of heart.”

~ Brother Wayne Teasdale, OSB Cam., *The Mystic Heart*

Vital Practice for February 2014:

Today search your experience and discern if humility is at work in you.

~ Fr. Matt, Obl. OSB Cam. ~

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0436.

May Velva Jean Birk and all the dearly departed souls come to rest in the profound peace of Christ Jesus. May all those bereft come together to remember our dear friend Jean and comfort each other as we find our footing on the Mourner's Path in the light of Christ's living Presence. Peace be with and within all of us as we mourn, remember and gather to recollect, bury and

Vestry:

In an attempt to determine more closely the annual cost of operation St. Luke's, the vestry is asking members to arrange for service bills or supply bills to be billed to St. Luke's even if the individual intends to pay the bill. Then members are asked to donate that amount to the general fund. The donated amount will be added to the member's annual pledge statement. This recommendation is not made to discourage the traditional generosity of St Luke's membership. It is an attempt to better assess the actual annual budget needs.

Vestry cont.

It was decided not to maintain our membership with the Chamber of Commerce related to the dues increase.

Father Matt reported that the Wednesday Evening Ministry is starting a regular program following their potluck

The Vestry accepted a \$400 donation with \$300 going toward the outside lights and \$100 going toward the Christmas Bureau family.

Council of Churches: **Ed Dillinger** chaired his first Council of Churches meeting as president in January. Thank you to the members of St. Luke's who helped with the soup lunch. The Council will form a taskforce to examine needs and solutions for the increasing demand for local services. These services include counseling, medical care, food support and utility assist. With the loss of funding the need is being shouldered by the churches and local communities. This taskforce will attempt to respond to the desperate needs in an organized and positive way.

St Luke's will be in charge of the annual **Walk for Warmth** event held in the fall. This event will require help from the entire parish. Date and details will follow later in the summer.

The next Council of Churches meeting will be March 19, 2014 at St. Luke's Guild Hall. The guild will be asked to provide a light lunch for approximately 20-25 Council members. Thanks, Ed and Joyce

Prayers:

We pray for those who are ill or are caregivers: David, Doreen, Aubree, Barb, Belinda, Bob
Jeff, Kacy, Karen, Kristin, Mickey, Mickey and Lisa, Ron, Ronnie, Sally, Steve

We pray for those who are in seminary: Vivian

We pray for those who are struggling with grief or loss: Kathryn for the loss of her husband; Martha for

the loss of her son; Bill for the loss of his wife, Jean, and their families

We pray for those who are in the military: Ben, Ian, Mike, and Scott

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY:

Feb. 5-David Frey

Feb. 22-Joyce Elcock

Feb. 12-Pat Frey

Feb 28-Mike Robles

Feb. 12-Kally McConkey

ANNIVERSARIES:

Feb. 22-David & Pat Frey

Annual Meeting:

At the annual meeting the proposed faith budget was reviewed and accepted by the parish family. Doug Elcock and Jay Hildreth were elected to the Vestry, joining Malcolm Smith, Crissie Basham, Susan Burgess, and Susan Dillinger. Joyce Elcock and Pat Frey were thanked for their service on the Vestry. Council of Churches representatives Joyce Elcock and Ed Dillinger were re-elected for another year. John Desper introduced the "Happy Kitchen" in Manhattan and would like to introduce a similar program in Wamego (serving breakfast once a week). Myrline Winkler placed a survey on the information table for our interest in joint ministries through the Northwest Convocation. Malcolm Smith stated there are many capital improvement projects in our church and Guild Hall. He will prepare a list and would like input from the parish family of needs that you see. The complete minutes are on the church bulletin board.

Guild:

Thank you to all who helped with the funeral luncheon on Wednesday, January 22nd and to everyone who helped with the annual meeting breakfast. Our next Guild meeting will be Sunday, February 2nd after the service

FOOD PANTRY: This is our month to provide food and supplies for the two food pantries in town. Please bring non-perishable food items; paper supplies, and toiletries to church each week. They will be delivered by the Outreach committee to the two pantries the week of March 2nd! Let's collect to help those in need of food.

Community Health Ministry, in addition to food and paper supplies, currently they also need toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, body soap, toothpaste, toilet paper. They appreciate monetary donations as there are many more families in need this year.

Editors Column:

Kathryn Ryder's great grandchildren would like to thank everyone for the Christmas Eve stocking.

Quilting begins again on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. If you like to quilt, come and help us complete our quilt.

The Vestry officers for 2014 are Malcolm Smith as Senior Warden; Crissie Basham as Junior Warden, Susan Burgess as Treasurer, and Cinie Hill as Clerk.

Thank you to all who cleaned the kitchen.

Treasurer's Report: The following summary reflects the results of the operating fund, income and expense for the month of December 2013, with a budget comparison.

	<u>Current month</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 22,555.98	\$ 78,001.42	\$48,255.05
Expense	\$ <u>4,031.65</u>	\$ <u>59,477.09</u>	\$48,105.83
Difference	\$ <u>18,524.33</u>	\$ 18,524.33	\$ 149.22

Discretionary Fund Sundays in February: Rector's is the first Sunday, February 2nd and Seminary Support on fifth Sunday. Any loose money in the offertory goes to support these two funds on those Sundays, so please help with these two funds. Thank you.

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, February 2: Guild meeting during coffee hour. All are welcome to attend.

5 pm: Ultreya at St. Luke's with potluck following

Sunday, February 9: Vestry Meeting after coffee hour

St. Luke's Weekly Schedule:

Father Matt Office Hours are by appointment. He is usually at church on Wednesday afternoons & at noon on Monday and Fridays

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist

Mondays: 6:30 a.m. Friendly Cooker Back Room - Spiritual Book Meeting

Noon: Centering Prayer

Tuesdays: 9 am – 10am; 1st & 3rd Sign Language; 2nd and 4th Quilting

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Bible Study

8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. AA

Wednesdays: 6 - 7:30 p.m. Potluck Supper and Ministry

Thursdays: 7:30 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Group

Fridays: Noon: Centering Prayer

Church Shorthand:

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple is February 2nd. It celebrates our Lord's presentation to God on the fortieth day after his birth, in obedience to the Jewish Law. It remind of the Jewish law (Exodus 13:2, 22-29) that every firstborn son was to be dedicated to God in memory of the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt, when the firstborn sons of the Egyptians died and those of Israel were spared. On this fortieth day, the Light of Christ enters the temple.

This is a moment of manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah when Old and New Testament come together in the testimony of the aged priest Simeon and the prophetess Anna. The old sacrifices, the burnt offerings and oblations, were done away; a new and perfect offering had come into the temple. The liturgical color for this day is white.

Diocesan News:

Two **Safeguarding God's Children workshops** are set for Wichita in February. One will take place on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon in the library at St. John's, 402 North Topeka. The other is set for Sunday, Feb. 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at St. Stephen's, 7404 E. Killarney. The workshop is required for those in the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas who are in any leadership capacity, are employed by a church or who work regularly with children.

To register for either event, contact Teresa Rogers at teresarogers@att.net

Youth news

>> **Youth Peer Ministry applications now are being accepted.** The diocesan youth peer ministry program currently is accepting applications to join the 14 current peer ministers. The peer ministry program seeks to provide an opportunity for high school students in the Diocese of Kansas to grow in their faith, receive training in ministry and life skills, assume roles of liturgical leadership, welcome other students into the body of Christ, and develop other young leaders. If you know a youth in your parish who would fit this position or be interested in this position, invite them to apply to be a peer minister. Applications are due **by Feb. 7** and are available on the youth website at <http://edokyouth.wordpress.com/leadership-training/peer-ministry/>. If you have questions about the peer ministry program, contact Peer Ministry Coordinator Michael Funston at mikeykfunston@gmail.com or diocesan Youth Missioner Karen Schlabach at kschlabach@episcopal-ks.org.

>> **EYE 2014: July 9-13** at Villanova University in Philadelphia, Penn., for youth in grades 9-12. The national Episcopal Youth Event happens once every three years. The event will gather more than 1,200 youth from the Episcopal Church for three days of worship, sharing, prayer, learning, singing and fun. This year includes a pilgrimage day in Philadelphia. It is a rare opportunity that is not to be missed. More information is available at <http://edokyouth.wordpress.com/events-programs/eye/>. Sign-up now, as each diocese has limited space.

>> **Summer youth ministry internship applications now are available.** Do you know a college student interested in pursuing a vocation in ministry? If so, ask them if they are interested in applying for the Summer Youth Ministry Internship. Applications are due **Feb. 28**. Learn more about the program and how to apply at <http://edokyouth.wordpress.com/leadership-training/internship/>

New Beginnings is set for March 28-30 at Good Shepherd in Wichita. For students in grades 6-8 of the current school year, with high school youth serving on staff. New Beginnings is a weekend retreat focusing on the two greatest commandments: loving God with all our heart, mind and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. The registration deadline is Monday, March 17, and staff day is Saturday, March 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's, Emporia. More information and links to the new online registration and payment is at <http://edokyouth.wordpress.com/new-beginnings/>.

Upcoming classes offered at the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry

The Bishop Kemper School for Ministry, the joint school operated by the Dioceses of Kansas, West Missouri, Nebraska and Western Kansas, offers a variety of classes in the coming months. If you are interested in attending any of these for personal enrichment, contact the dean, the Very Rev. Andrew Grosso, at rector@trinityks.org or (913) 367-3171. **Feb. 8-9:** ETHC 200: Contemporary Ethics (Dr. Don Compier); MINI 200: Homiletics (The Rev. George Pejakovich); HIST 400: Modernity & After (The Rev. Dr. George Wiley)

Lenten materials now are available A variety of devotional materials are available for order for use during Lent, which starts on March 5:

40 Days of Lent: Lent is Not Rocket Science: An Exploration of God, Creation and the Cosmos by W. Nicholas Knisely. Astronomer, physicist and Episcopal Bishop W. Nicholas Knisely explores the intersection of faith and science, creation and the cosmos. <http://www.forwardmovement.org/Products/2146/lent-is-not-rocket-science.aspx>

Episcopal Relief & Development's Lenten meditations booklet includes 46 reflections focuses on creating economic opportunities and strengthening communities, with a particular focus on empowering women. Printed booklets should be ordered by Feb. 15 for delivery by Ash Wednesday (<http://episcopalmarketplace.org/Products/Episcopal-Relief-Development>). PDF booklets and other Lenten resources are posted on Episcopal Relief & Development's website at www.episcopalrelief.org/lent, and individuals wishing to receive daily email devotionals can sign up online.

The Society of St. John the Evangelist offers daily videos that can be emailed to users inbox, all with the theme "Love Life." An accompanying workbook can be downloaded free as a PDF or can be purchased in booklet form from Forward Movement. More information is on the SSJE website, <http://ssje.org/ssje/lovelife/>.

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The goals are

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.
2. Achieve universal primary education.
3. Promote gender equality and empower women.
4. Reduce child mortality.
5. Improve maternal health.
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.
7. Ensure environmental stability.
8. Develop a global partnership for development.

February Duties

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	March 2
Altar Guild	Susan Burgess, Pat Frey	Cinnie Hill, Joyce Elcock	Ellie Baker Martha Miller	Laura Hannan, Myrline Winkler	Susan Burgess, Pat Frey
Lay Reader	Pat Frey	Judy Hildreth	Ebba Robb	Malcolm Smith	Cliff Robb
Chalice Bearer	Myrline Winkler	Larry Hannan	Susan Burgess	Malcolm Smith	Joyce E;cocl
Greeter/	Judy Hildreth	Scott Weber	John Chmiel	Martha Miller	Doug Elcock
Coffee Host	Robbs	Chmiels	Elcocks	Pat Frey	Hannans