

Love each other as I have loved you.

JOHN 15:12

Share God's

Love

FEBRUARY 2019

Happy Valentine's Day

Highlights of Annual Message

God has a Divine plan for each of us that unfolds throughout our lifetime. Part of God's plan for you is that you worship and work for the sake of the kingdom of Jesus Christ through St. Francis' Church. But God does not intend for you and me to be content only to worship here, only to live our community life together in fellowship. Our personal spiritual needs and comforts are important parts of our faith journey, for to live in God's abundant grace is wonderful. It is wholesome and refreshing to be fed at the Table of the Lord, both through Holy Scripture and by the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus, to be part of a loving and caring community, and to know with assurance that God loves you and me and eagerly seeks us. However, our lives as followers of Jesus cannot stop there. We eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ for reasons greater than our own, for such becomes our strength to do the work of the church in service to the world. In word and sacrament we are renewed personally and reconfirmed in our Baptismal Covenant to make Christ known to the world.

St. Francis' Church is called to be a purpose driven church, but the purpose that drives us, that propels us forward must be God's plan for us, God's purpose for us. St. Francis' Church does not belong to you and me. We are not the owners and therefore not the ones who have the right to determine the purpose, the direction for this church. Jesus established the church, died for it, empowered it through the Holy Spirit, and gave it a mission and ministry to make his name and salvation known throughout the world. You and I are the stewards of the church and its mission and Jesus will come back to claim it and you and I will have to give an accounting of our stewardship.

In the hymn, "Be Thou My Vision" the writer proclaims that God alone, the Lord of our hearts is our center and is the wisdom by and through which we are to live out our lives. The vision of and purpose for St. Francis' Church

must be guided by the vision that God has for us. From the God inspired vision that a small number of women and men were given, St. Francis' Church was birthed in the early 1990's. Throughout the struggles during those early years God's purpose continued to inspire pastor, lay leaders and members. Ministry outside of the church was hampered by the lack of a building, yet this congregation managed to reach out beyond itself into the community to do the work of the Gospel. When we look back on the history of St. Francis' Church, it is obvious that time and again this community of believers faithfully discerned God's plan and followed through the purpose that God had in mind.

From this community of faith's modest beginning at a meeting on January 7, 1990 at Eureka United Methodist Church to today you, the members of St. Francis Church have sought to do God's will and live God's purpose. The product of your faithfulness is this building. Space to meet, to learn, to worship, for fellowship, to invite others in now belongs to you. In addition you have a day care center that serves young children and their families. Well done, good and faithful servants!

During the Annual Address on January 27 I explored with you five signs of health that our church must experience for it to remain viable and to grow: fellowship, discipleship, worship, ministry and evangelism. These five signs constitute a measuring rod for you and me, for they are a standard by which we should measure our faithfulness to the purpose God has for this church. These are not five neatly divided areas because they all overlap and should, but all of them must be in balance with the other, just as all must be biblically based. We find these five principles in our Baptismal Covenant on page 304 in The Book of Common Prayer. Every time we repeat this covenant we are promising to be faithful to fellowship, discipleship, worship, ministry and evangelism.

We participate in and enjoy many opportunities for fellowship. There are additional opportunities for fellowship now that we have our beautiful building. For example, on Shrove Tuesday, March 5, the day before Ash Wednesday, we are planning a pancake supper. This is a wonderful opportunity for the men of our church to gather together and feed not only our community, but also, to invite others to join us. What other fellowship events are out there – opportunities to also involve the larger community? Fellowship means a community built on friendship, love, and common goals. The fellowship of the Church goes beyond Sunday mornings. Fellowship means taking a genuine interest in others, both current and new people. Fellowship means to give up some of my time and interests to be present and interested in other people. Fellowship means developing a warm and caring attitude for each other – to be genuinely interested in the welfare of others. Fellowship means to keep each other in our prayers and thoughts. Many participate in fellowship. Can more of us participate? Can we pool our ideas and come up with other fellowship events?

Fellowship leads directly to discipleship. A disciple is one who walks in the footsteps of the master. How do we walk in Christ's footsteps? A proven way is through study of the Holy Scripture, Adult Forum and participation in small group discussion. Fellowship binds us together and discipleship deepens our fellowship and makes us more aware of the teachings of Christ. Sunday morning worship should be inviting to visitors, even though we gather for worship on Sundays because of us. Our liturgy, prayers, sermon, songs, and Holy Communion focus on worship, discipleship and fellowship that strengthen our common bond. Forgiveness and blessing abound in worship. All we have to do is avail ourselves of that grace.

Ministry grows naturally out of discipleship and worship and strengthens fellowship. Ministry is greater than serving in worship on Sundays and weekdays. Ministry involves outreach, teaching, and giving of self to others. The new Memorial Garden is a ministry that reaches not only the St. Francis community but beyond. Our Tutoring program, Trinity Hot Lunch, knitting by the "craftnooners", Adopt-a-Family, Episcopal City Mission Christmas giving, Eureka Food Pantry, the Shoe Drive are all ministry areas that some of us participate in. Let's explore new ministry areas. If you are not participating in ministry perhaps it is time to start.

Ministry touches on evangelism but mainly reaches out to others so that you can share with them the love of Christ and healing and comfort that God's grace brings to us.

Evangelism is where the Great Commission given to all who are baptized into Christ, fellowship, discipleship and ministry come together. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations" These words spoken to Jeremiah over 2,600 years ago are just as viable and true today as they were then. God consecrated you and me before we were born to be God's prophets, to carry God's word to others. That is what a prophet does – carry God's word, that is, share God's word with another.

It is my hope that we will do better work in inviting others to this community of faith. This is part of the Baptismal Covenant and a very serious job that you have. You are to use the gifts you have been given by the Holy Spirit to

bring others to Christ. Flyer Blitzes continue to be a worthwhile endeavor. Are you willing to participate in this evangelism tool? To bring others to Christ is not a choice, but rather, an obligation laid on each of us by Jesus himself. We all work toward this goal. What about planning Friend Day events – inviting someone to worship and fellowship. Are there events we can plan for 2019 and beyond? We do not have an Evangelism Committee. An Evangelism Committee would enhance our efforts at inviting others to our church and planning events. A new committee for evangelism does not usurp your responsibility to bring new people to St. Francis' Church. Coupled with our evangelism effort is attracting younger families and youth to our church. One of the things an Evangelism Committee could consider would be adding a contemporary Eucharistic service on Sunday evenings? All of us can start now by making a concerted effort to welcome visitors. Let's show others that we are a warm, loving, and inclusive parish. Bringing others to Christ is a primary goal for anyone who attends St. Francis' Church.

Each and every one of us must work toward our spiritual and faith development. This means regular attendance at worship on Sundays. Occasional worship does not help us to grow spiritually! Participation in Adult Forum is a good way to begin this journey as well as participation in other spiritually oriented events.

If we are willing to grow warmer through fellowship, spiritually deeper through discipleship, stronger through worship, broader through ministry, and larger through evangelism God's blessing will abound and grace will be showered upon us. You have God's word on it.

Father Alfred J. Jewson

i. Jeremiah 1: 4-10, New Revised Standard Version, 1991, Oxford University Press, New York

Annual Meeting Sunday, January 27, 2019



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK...



The Adult Forum on January 20 focused on Morning Prayer using the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Then again on February 3, we will focus on Evening Prayer using the BCP. Therefore, this month's article consists of outlines for praying Morning and Evening Prayer. Please let me know if I can assist you in any way as you build one or both of these spiritual practices into your daily life.

Peace to you all,
Deacon Rebecca

THE CUSTOMARY FOR DAILY MORNING PRAYER RITE II

Read **Concerning the Daily Office Lectionary** on pages 934-35

See the **Daily Office Lectionary** on pages 936-1000 for the appointed Psalm(s) and Scripture readings

See **Suggested Canticles at Morning Prayer** on page 144 (note "Suggested")

Morning Prayer is begun with **either** the Opening Sentences or with the Invitatory

1. BCP 75-78 **Opening Sentences**
 Use the appropriate seasonal sentence
 The General Confession may be omitted

2. BCP 80 **The Invitatory and Psalter**
 "Lord, open..." followed by the Gloria Patri
 82 The Invitatory Psalter—
 Use the seasonal Antiphon before and after the Invitatory Psalm
 The Venite (use during Lent)
 The Jubilate
 83 Christ our Passover (use during Eastertide)
 84 The Psalm(s) Appointed

3. BCP 84 **The Lessons**
 The Old Testament lesson
 85-95 Canticle
 The New Testament lesson
 Canticle
 The Gospel lesson (if three lessons are read at Morning Prayer)
 96 The Apostles' Creed

4. BCP 97 **The Prayers**
 The Lord's Prayer
 97-98 The Suffrages - A or B
 The Collect of the Day
 (This is from the previous Sunday or a special feast day and the Contemporary
 Collects can be found on pages 211-261)
 98-100 The Collect **for** the Day
 100-101 The Collect for Mission—choose any of the three
 101 Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here
 101-102 The General Thanksgiving and/or The Prayer of St. Chrysostom
 102 Dismissal
 102 Closing Sentences—choose one

THE CUSTOMARY FOR DAILY EVENING PRAYER RITE II

Read **Concerning the Daily Office Lectionary** on pages 934-35

See the **Daily Office Lectionary** on pages 936-1000 for the appointed Psalm(s) and Scripture readings

See **Suggested Canticles at Evening Prayer** on page 145, either the Magnificat or Nunc dimittis

Evening Prayer is begun with **either** the Opening Sentences with Confession of Sin and Absolution, **or** with the Invitatory

1. BCP 115-116 Opening Sentences

2. BCP 117 **The Invitatory and Psalter**
 “O God, make ...” followed by the Gloria Patri
118 The Invitatory Psalter
 O Gracious Light
 The Psalm(s) Appointed

3. BCP 118 **The Lesson(s)**
 If two lessons are read,
 The New Testament lesson is followed by either Magnificat or the Nunc dimittis
 The Gospel lesson
120 The Apostles’ Creed

4. BCP 121 The Prayers
 The Lord’s Prayer
121-122 The Suffrages—A or B
 The Collect of the Day
 (This is from the previous Sunday or a special feast day and the Contemporary
 Collects can be found on pages 211-261)
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Friends of St. Francis Childcare Center

January was a joyful month here at Friends of St. Francis! Its too cold to go outside but we kept warm with fun projects and activities!



A huge THANK YOU to all of our Volunteers who have helped out with lunches!! It is such a blessing to have your helping hands!

February we will be learning about Valentine's Day! We are looking forward to spreading the message of LOVE! If you want to become involved the children would love Valentine's cards from our loving church congregation!



FEBRUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 OFFICE CLOSED Bible Study 10 am Men's OA Meeting 10 am	2 Metro IV Meeting 10:00 am
3	4 Evening Prayer & Intercessions 5 pm Bereavement Group 6 pm Worship & Music 6 pm	5 Morning Prayer 8:30 am	6 Crafternoon 1:30 pm Tutoring 6:30 pm	7 Morning Prayer 8:30 am Staff Meeting 1 pm	8 OFFICE CLOSED Bible Study 10 am Men's OA Meeting 10 am	9
10 Planning Meeting 12:45 pm	11 Evening Prayer & Intercessions 5 pm Bereavement Group 6 pm	12 Morning Prayer 8:30 am Women's Group 6:30 pm	13 Crafternoon 1:30 pm Tutoring 6:30 pm	14 Happy Valentine's Day Morning Prayer 8:30 am Chalice Meeting 1 pm	15 OFFICE CLOSED Bible Study 10am Men's OA Meeting 10 am	16
17 Bishop's Committee Meeting 12:45 pm	18 Evening Prayer & Intercessions 5 pm Bereavement Group 6 pm	19 Morning Prayer 8:30 am	20 Crafternoon 1:30 pm Tutoring 6:30 pm	21 Morning Prayer 8:30 am Staff Meeting 1 pm	22 OFFICE CLOSED Bible Study 10am Men's OA Meeting 10 am	23
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St. Francis' 2018 Calendar can be found at <http://www.stfranciseureka.com/calendar.html>

Patti Moreland February 9
George Vits February 17
Roger Shaw February 24

February Stump the Vicar



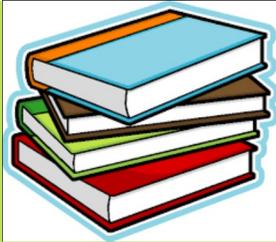
Question: How can I be sure that what I am doing is God's will for me?

Throughout my adult life God's will for me has been crystal clear so many times but generally only from hindsight, often years later and after much prayer and reflection. It would be far less stressful and agonizing if God just made matters evident right from the beginning. What is crystal clear is that such is not the will of God! The course that has been set for us is to study the Scriptures and the traditions that have been handed down to us and search our minds and hearts to know what to do. Even after all of that how can we be certain that the course we take, as individuals or as the Church, is really the will of God? Most of the time we must step out in faith and trust that the Holy Spirit is guiding the direction in which we travel.

So many times we think that we are making the right decision only to discover that more time should have been given to considering the outcome. I believe that the answer lies in the tension we live both in our personal lives and in the life of the Church. God's will is generally crystal clear and clouded but in the tradition of our Anglican heritage we willingly embrace the tension between crystal clear and clouded and step out in faith trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide our direction.

Fr. Al

St. Francis Book Club



Save the Date!

**Monday, March 11th - 6:30 pm
Community Room**

**Before We Were Yours
By Lisa Wingate**

Holy Listening – Bishop Search

The Bishop Search/Nominating Holy Listening Session Date for St. Francis, Eureka is Sunday, March 3 at 11:30 a.m. and will last approximately 90 minutes from the start time. The Facilitators from the committee will be Bren O' Connor and Elizabeth Kroes-Asher.

- Tell us one thing that you would like a new Bishop to know about your parish; who is St. Francis Church in community and in your community?
- Jump ahead to ten years from now. What accomplishments do you hope the new Bishop will have led us to?

St. Francis' Women's Group Special Event

Tuesday evening, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. is St. Francis' regularly scheduled dinner meeting. We'll meet at St. Francis' to make winter parking more accessible. Depending on which meeting room is available, we'll either have food ready or we'll order out.

Bring a friend, sister, cousin, aunt, etc.

Bring \$10

Bring your love and gratitude for all your women friends and celebrate *Gal*-entine's Day.





**Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church
808 North Mason Road
Creve Coeur, Missouri 63141-6306
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And At the Last

An End-of-Life Planning Seminar

February 9, 2019

A three-hour seminar on end-of-life planning for faithful adults (young, old, older) will be held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Creve Coeur on Saturday morning, February 9, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Coffee, tea and light pastries will be provided.

The program will include a presentation on "Important Legal Documents for Everyone" by Martha C. Brown, CELA, certified elder law attorney practicing in the St. Louis area for over 25 years. Katherine Ziegler, BSN, MPH, a parish nurse associated with Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves will lead a discussion of common questions and misperceptions in end of life planning. The Rev. Paul A. Metzler, D. Min., former Clergy Associate of St. Timothy's will present on "The Gift of a Spiritual/Ethical Will." Sample copies of a "Pre-Planning Funeral Form" regarding personal wishes for hymns, scriptures and service participants will be available to take home for future planning. Representatives from Mariner Wealth Advisors will discuss tax-efficient ways to include giving to various charities as part of an estate plan.

Sponsored by St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and the Trustees of its Endowment Committee, the seminar is open to anyone in the greater St. Louis area age 18 and above. Age 18 is when parents no longer have legal authority in a medical crisis. Members from Episcopal parishes or other faith congregations are warmly encouraged to attend.

The seminar is free but advance registration is required with Tess Barcey, the Parish Administrator, by calling (314.434.5906) or emailing (office.at.saint.tims@gmail.com). Participants will be sent a pre-seminar questionnaire to complete in advance to use privately during question and answer sections in the seminar.

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Submissions may be delivered in person during business hours or sent by email to stfranch@sbcglobal.net

The Prayer List

Please check the Sunday bulletin and weekly email announcements for the list of those who have requested prayers.



For This Time in Our Common Life

**“Let us pray knowing that
everything depends on God,
but let us also work together as if
everything depends on us.”**

A Prayer for Evangelism

Almighty God, by your grace you have given us new life in Jesus Christ, and by your Spirit you have called us to proclaim his Name throughout all the nations. Awaken in us such a love for you, and for your word and deed, that all people may come to know him as Savior, and follow him as Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

St. Francis' Spiritual Offerings during the Week

See also Lenten Offering on page 11.

Mondays 5:00pm Evening Prayer - We gather to pray for the people of St. Francis', those who haven't joined us yet, those on our prayer list, the needs of our community, and the world.

Tuesdays & Thursdays - 8:30am Morning Prayer

Fridays at 10-11:30am we study the Bible readings appointed for the up-coming Sunday. Please join us for this meeting whenever you can, whether weekly or once in a while. All are welcome.



A PRAYER FOR GOD'S WILL

Loving God, we pray that your will for us and for St. Francis' Church be done. Rid our minds of personal goals and expectations, doubts and fears so that we may be vessels for your will and your expectations. We pray that your will for St. Francis' Church be made manifest to us; and give us the courage to carry out your will whatever it is. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who always lived out your will in his life. Amen.



FAITH
UNDER CONSTRUCTION
St. Francis' Building Campaign

Prayer for "Faith Under Construction"

Loving God, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for a successful capital campaign. May we find our faith strengthened through sacrificial giving, and help us to be faithful to the financial commitments that we have pledged. Be our companion on this journey as we bring our dream into reality. **Amen.**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2019
PLANNING MEETING
WITH ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
OR POINT-PERSONS**



There will be a planning meeting with **ALL** Committee Chairpersons, Point-Persons, Vicar, Deacon, and Bishop's Warden following Adult Forum on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 12:45. The plan is to create a "monthly calendar of events and activities" for St. Francis' Church. Our goal is to have all activities, etc., listed on our website calendar for parishioners and perspective visitors to review. If you are part of a group or ministry we would appreciate your attendance. We are interested in those particular dates (or months) that are important to your area of ministry.

Below is a partial list of ministries, activities, and events that were listed in 2018 and should be on 2019:

Training for various ministries

Outreach - Adopt-A-Family drive, Adopt-A-Highway, Episcopal City Mission Holiday Gift program, Eureka Food Pantry, Shoe Drive for students, Trinity Hot Lunch, Tutoring, Marketing & Communications, Concerts on Central, Eureka Days

Social Groups & Special Events - Book group, Crafternooners, Women's group, Youth activities/outings, Bonfire Party, Float trip, Hummingbird Party, Parish Picnic, Mass-on-the-Grass, Trivia and/or other events, Chili Cook-offs, New events, Various outings.

New member welcome dinner, Stewardship Program, Special Worship services, Various meeting dates,

Finance or Executive Committee meetings, Metro IV meetings, etc., FOSF Board Meetings, Diocesan meetings, Clergy time-off dates, Diocesan workshops.

Are there more?

Financial Update December 2018

	2018 Actual YTD	2018 Budget For the Year	Difference
Total Income	\$159,227.06	\$159,451.00	\$ 223.94
Total Expenses	\$140,400.48	\$159,451.00	\$19,050.52

Balances as of December 31, 2018

- Rockwood Bank - Checking \$ 3,789.50
- Balance in Diocesan Investment Trust \$ 8,325.72
- Custodial account held by the Diocese \$ 15,553.36
- St. Francis Building Account \$ 12,990.35
- Vicar's Discretionary Account \$ 1,201.04

**Sunday Worship
Attendance Statistics**

	2018	2019
Epiphany	52	69
2 Epiphany	82	0*
3 Epiphany	61	64
4 Epiphany	76	53**

*Worship canceled due to weather
**Annual meeting - 10:15 am service only



Adult Forums are held on Sundays
from 11:55 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The complete Adult Forum calendar
is on our website at

www.stfranciseureka.com
select "Christian Education", "Adults".

Feb 3	Daily Office # 2
Feb 10	How Can We Pray
Feb 17	Vicar's Forum
Feb 24	(Undetermined)

DIOCESE OF MISSOURI YOUTH

BISHOP SEARCH HOLY LISTENING SESSION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019

5:30PM-7PM

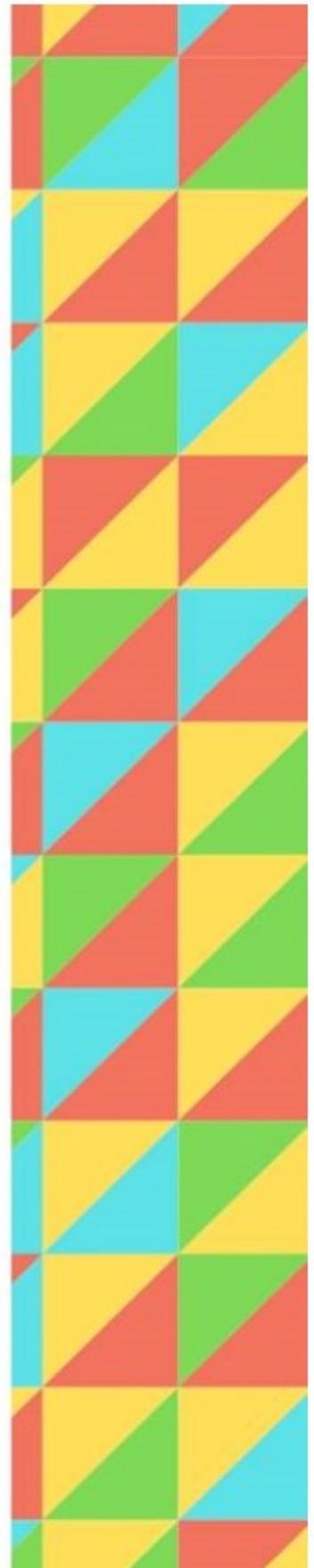
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Attention all Diocesan Youth in grades 6-12!!
The members of the Bishop Search/Nominating Committee want to hear YOUR voice. We are committed to receiving as much input as possible about how people in our congregations and ministry groups see our diocese, the work of the Episcopal Church in Missouri, and what you hope for and think we need in a new Bishop. While all youth are encouraged to attend the listening session held at their parish, the Search/Nominating Committee is also holding a special listening session JUST for youth in the Diocese...your voice is incredibly important and we want to make sure you have a chance to be heard!

Please join us on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 from
5:30pm-7pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church:
444 Brightfield Trail
Manchester, MO 63021

Questions? Loren Lasch, Canon for Christian Formation
LLasch@DioceseMo.org or 314-255-1383



Invite - Welcome - Connect A Transformational Ministry



The formational ministry of **Invite Welcome Connect** with creator Mary Parmer is this year's diocesan trans- leadership conference.

- **Saturday, March 2, 2019, 9:00 am- 3:30 pm**
- held at [Grace Episcopal Church](#), 514 E Argonne Dr. in Kirkwood, 63122
- for all church leaders, lay and ordained
- 140 registrants capacity
- \$35 cost includes lunch on Saturday, and optional reception at Grace on Friday, 3/1 from 5-6:30 pm.
- **Register online by Friday, February 22, 2019**
- Childcare available if requested before 2/22

Invite Welcome Connect is not a program, but a transformational ministry helping congregations move from a maintenance culture to a Gospel-driven mission culture.

This ministry includes three Bible essentials:

- **Invite is evangelism.** Providing the tools to help invite others to church, learning how to articulate and share faith stories, and creating avenues to involve the local community. Using communication as an evangelism tool, whether it be conversation, website, or social media. The deep truth of invite is courage versus fear.
- **Welcome is the ministry of hospitality.** This essential assists congregations in creating organized, comprehensive strategies for welcoming newcomers into our communities of faith. The deep truth of welcome is recognizing the other.
- **The Connect essential** is helping people who attend our churches **discern their God-given giftedness** and then **empowering them for ministry** in the Body of Christ and in the world beyond. The deep truth of connect is the sacred act of hearing with the heart.

The [Invite Welcome Connect website](#) is filled with tools and resources, free to use. This workshop with IWC creator Mary Parmer offers an intensive introduction to the materials and theology, and an opportunity to network with other churches in the diocese using and beginning to use IWC.

The Leadership Conference is organized each year for the diocese by the Standing Committee. This year, Grace Church is a partner in bringing this opportunity to the diocese. If you have any additional questions, please contact Standing Committee member Brooke Forsyth at bhforsyth@sbcglobal.net or Shari Bonham at office@gracekirkwood.org.

The Holy Season of Lent

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. With the imposition of ashes on our foreheads we are reminded that this life is only a transition from our birth to that larger and everlasting life with God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We lead busy lives and it is often difficult to take time to reflect and pray about our Kingdom journey. The Season of Lent provides an opportunity to make an appointment with God for self-examination and repentance, reading and meditating on the Holy Scriptures. Lenten Services are a good way to put your house in order.

Please note: weekday Lenten Services with Holy Eucharist will last approximately 45 minutes

March 6	12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist with imposition of Ashes
March 7	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
March 8	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
March 11	5:00 pm	Monday Evening Prayer with Intercessions
March 12	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
March 14	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
March 14	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer Meditation with Holy Eucharist
March 18	5:00 pm	Monday Evening Prayer with Intercessions
March 19	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
March 21	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
March 22	7:00 pm.	Stations of the Cross
March 25	5:00 pm	Monday Evening Prayer with Intercessions
March 26	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
March 28	7:00 pm	Prayer and Healing Service with Holy Eucharist
April 1	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
April 4	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
April 5	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
April 8	5:00 pm	Monday Evening Prayer with Intercessions
April 9	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
April 11	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
April 11	7:00 pm	Bible Study with Holy Eucharist



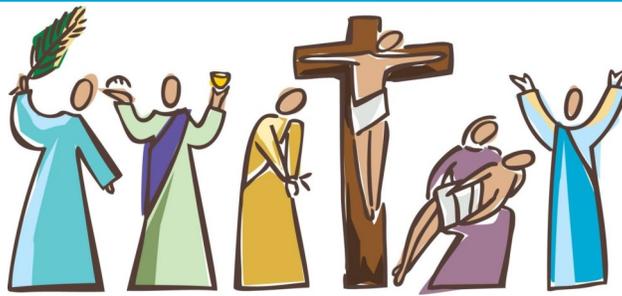
At Holy Eucharist on the third Sunday, we collect canned and non-perishable items and deliver them to the pantry for distribution to those in need. Please remember the Eureka Food Pantry when you shop for groceries and bring them to worship on Sundays and fill our red wagon.



Greeters Wanted

Making visitors and newcomers at our 10:15 a.m. worship feel welcome is an important and satisfying ministry. To be a part of this please see Sue Schmidt.





Worship Services during Holy Week

April 14 8:00 & 10:15 am Palm Sunday

Palms will be blessed and carried in procession as we celebrate our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Our worship includes a dramatic reading of the Passion Narrative according to St. Luke.

April 15 5:00 pm Monday Evening Prayer with Intercessions

April 16 8:30 am Morning Prayer

April 17 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Our attention this evening is drawn to the dark cloud surrounding the crucifixion, yet in the midst of apparent hopelessness, there is one light shining through the darkness, Jesus Christ.

April 18 8:30 am Morning Prayer

April 18 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist with ceremony of the washing of feet. Stripping of the Altar will be done at the conclusion of our worship followed by time set aside for reflection.

Go to dark Gethsemane watch with him one bitter hour learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

April 19 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm Good Friday

Our worship this evening includes the Passion Narrative according to John and the Solemn Collects and Bidding Prayers as we reflect on the great price our Lord Jesus paid for our redemption.

April 20 8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

Initiates the Glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ with the lighting of the Paschal Candle, Liturgy of the Word, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Holy Eucharist.



Medicine Bottles

Rather than toss your empty prescription medicine bottles, bring them to the Community Room and they will be used by "Doctors without Borders".

Sylvia Ahmad has taken the lead in this ministry.

SODA CANS

Please bring empty aluminum soda cans to the Community Room and deposit them in the appropriate container. The music committee will cash them in and use the money for the music department dreams.





Highlights of the Bishop's Committee Meeting January 20, 201

Friends of St. Francis' Child Care:

Kathy Regnier reported that the school has had two inspections in the past week: sanitation and fire. Volunteers have been helpful in prepping meals and snacks for the children freeing the teachers to remain with the children. Additional volunteers needed as an extra pair of hands any day from 6:30 -8:00 a.m. and from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. These are high-traffic times for parents and extra hands are needed.

Selecting new Vicar: next steps

Canon Joe Chambers will attend our next B.C. meeting to check on our progress and readiness to take next steps in our selection process. Our goals and our trajectory in this area will be the focus of Fr. Al's Annual Report, sermons and teachings over the next few weeks.

2019 Budget

In addition to the monthly financial reports, Treasurer Tracey Oswald presented the work of the Finance Committee's proposed budget for 2019. The committee asked questions and discussed several issues. The budget was approved with thanks to Tracey and all the committee members and forwarded to the Annual Meeting for congregational approval.

Proposed Slate of Candidates for B.C. and for delegates to Convention

The nominating committee and Fr. Al have proposed a slate of six candidates for the B.C. and three for delegates (one is an alternate). The Bishop's committee approved this slate and forwarded to the Annual Meeting for congregational vote.

Bylaws

A sub-committee of four members, Fr. Al, Joe O'Reilly, Bob Schaefer and Herb Smith, have reviewed, updated, and re-written parts of the St. Francis' Bylaws so that they will be more fully congruent with Diocesan canons. The B. C. approved these updates. They will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting, and then sent on to the Diocesan Standing Committee for their approval.

Memorial Garden Updated

- 1) The work on construction of the memorial wall is complete and very well done. Thanks to all on the committee and especially to Marsha and Herb Smith. Once the weather warms plantings will be completed.
- 2) The committee recommends two changes to their by-laws, one dealing with titles allowed on memorial plaques and the other with the sale or transfer of a space on the memorial wall. The B.C. approved these changes.

The full minutes of this B.C. meeting will be posted as soon as they have been approved by the Bishop's Committee.

Newly Elected Bishop's Committee Members

Sylvia Ahmad - 2022
Donna Bernert - 2022
Jackie Selle - 2022
Herb Smith, Bishop's Warden - 2022

Newly Elected Delegates & Alternate

Bob Schaefer - 2020
Max Starbuck - 2021
Michael Booker, Alternate - 2022



FEBRUARY

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

MINISTRY	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Eucharistic Visitor	Paddy Wrob	Kathleen McDonald	Sally Hader	Tracey Oswald
Acolyte 8am	A. B-M.		L. B-M.	
Acolyte 10:15 am	Aundrea Bach	Bob Schaefer	Jerry Smith	K. Jones
Lector 8 am	Jackie Selle	Kathleen McDonald	Della Thompson	Tracey Oswald
Lectors 10:15 am	Kathleen McDonald Joe O'Reilly	Bob Schaefer Paddy Wrob	Bob Smith Sally Hader	Michael Booker Tim Booker
Intercessors	Kathleen McDonald Joe O'Reilly	Bob Schaefer Paddy Wrob	Bob Smith Sally Hader	Michael Booker Sue Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Schaefer	Suzanne Jones	Michael Booker	Kathleen McDonald
Torchbearers	Doris Schaefer Bob Schaefer	Barb Sacco Laurie Dailey	Jack Laules Arlene Underwood	Jerry Smith Bob Smith
Altar Guild	Jerry Smith	Linda Doolittle	Doris Schaefer	Kathleen O'Reilly
Usher	Bob Smith	John Schmidt	Rich Mayfield	Joe Bernert
Greeter	Doris Schaefer	Linda Doolittle	Sue Schmidt	Doris Schaefer
Tellers	Suzanne Jones Joe Bernert	Joe O'Reilly Rich Mayfield	Arlene Underwood Bob Smith	Rich Mayfield Suzanne Jones

Baby Shower

HONORING
LIZ RAINBOLT

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 10:00 AM

COMMUNITY ROOM @ ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
602 ROCKWOOD ARBOR DR, EUREKA, MO 63025

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So long, farewell

My journey here has come to an end and it has been such a joy working here at St. Francis' and getting to know all of you. In the past almost three years, I have watched this congregation go through many ups and downs and am blessed to have been a small part of its biggest accomplishments...this beautiful new church and an adorable new daycare center! I wish all of you and St. Francis' a blessed and wonderful future.

Wendy Rigdon