



## Rector's Journal... *Savior Confidential*

*I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)*

Confidence is a rare commodity these days. According to Gallup Polling, President Obama's approval rating is presently at a lackluster 46%. Not bad, actually, when you consider that Congress' approval rating is at a dismal 11%. (Ouch!) State leaders are not doing much better. Governor Brownback's approval rating is at 18%, while the Kansas legislature came in at 28%.

Fortunately, the church is not run by politicians in Topeka or Washington DC. The church is run by the people of God. That is to say, our confidence, or the lack thereof, in the mission of the church is not found in leaders (Though to be sure, the church needs strong leadership.) Rather, our confidence is in God and in God's promise to be with and to work through his people. Good works, begun and completed, find their fulfillment in the presence of Christ and the activity of the Spirit, present in the Church.

So, how's your confidence these days? To be honest, it is hard at times to be confident in the mission and ministry of the church. Is the message of the church relevant to 21<sup>st</sup> century seekers? Are we going in the right direction? Is everyone at church on board with the ministry of the Church? Will new leadership emerge for the future good works that God has in store for God's people? There are never clear cut answers to such questions. All we can do is all we've ever done, namely, to have faith in **"the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion."**

Advent, the first season of the church year, is about faith and hope, in the promises of God. We begin our yearly liturgical journey at the place at which all of life, with all its twists and turns, all its uncertainties, ultimately ends up, trusting in the promises of God. The promise of a Savior to come, both the celebration of his birth and the expectation of his return, allow us to exercise that part of our being that is crucial for being the Church. The promise of a Savior to come allows us to practice confidence as a spiritual discipline. It allows us to demonstrate to the world that there is something, or more precisely, **someone**, worth putting our confidence in.

May the joy and peace of this holy season be with each of you, and may the promises of the Savior be yours, now and always.

Peace,

Fr. Earl Mahan



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## Humble Beginnings

by Nicki Soice, Senior Warden

It is probably the first Bible story we as children learned.

She — Mary — was young and pregnant.

Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus had ordered all families to register at their birthplace. So Mary and Joseph left their home — went out of the city of Nazareth into the city of Bethlehem.

It sounds so simple. They just went. Started walking and then they were there. However, the reality is a bit more challenging. There was no easy, as-the-crow-flies route. To take the safest route, one that avoided hostile Samaritans, they most likely traveled east, crossed into modern day Jordan, went south through the Jordan River Valley, then wound back around into Judea. Joseph and Mary most likely walked a distance of 80 to 90 miles to reach Bethlehem. This was far from a simple journey.

Joseph and Mary must have been road weary. They needed rest. Instead they found a crowded city full of others who had come to be counted. As Mary's time to deliver approached, they looked for shelter. They knocked on doors. Sorry. There is no room in the inn. An innkeeper finally offered them space.

**On that most Holy Night, they sought refuge, and found it in a stable.**

Jesus - born to us as a commoner. No doctor, no nurse. A carpenter father. A young Mother. No robes. No crowns. Born without privilege. From the beginning we learned that this was—

**A child sent not to be served, but to serve.**

May the birth and life of this small Child once again inspire us to look beyond our own wants and desires to the needs of those more humbled among us.

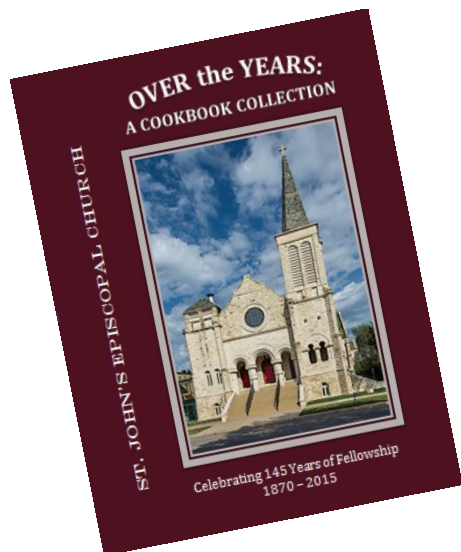


## St. John's 2015 Advent and Christmas Services and Events

<b>Sunday, November 29: Advent I</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Rite I &amp; II Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Rito II Sancta Eucaristia</b>
<b>Sunday, December 6: Advent II</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Rite I &amp; II Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Rito II Sancta Eucaristia</b>
<b>Sunday, December 13: Advent III</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>1:00 p.m.</b> <b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Advent III Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Rito II Sancta Eucaristia</b> <b>Festival of Lessons &amp; Carols</b>
<b>Sunday, December 20: Advent IV</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Rite I &amp; II Holy Eucharist</b> <i>Greening of the Church following 10:30 a.m. service.</i> <b>Rito II Sancta Eucaristia</b>
<b>Monday, December 21</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Memorial for the Homeless</b>
<b>Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> <b>9:30 p.m.</b> <b>10:00 p.m.</b> <b>11:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Rite II Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Choral Concert</b> <b>Rite II Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Rito II Eucaristia</b>
<b>Friday, December 25: Christmas Day</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Rite I Holy Eucharist</b>

## Wednesday "Contemplative Life" Group Begins December 2 at 6:15 pm

Fr. Mahan is leading a new Christian formation opportunity through [Contemplative Outreach](#) on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m. in the library. The Contemplative Life Program (CLP) explores how to be a practicing contemplative, abiding in the presence of God in the midst of ordinary life. The program is designed to support and enrich a life of daily practice, study and devotion, assisting the practitioner to live and embody the contemplative dimension of the Gospel.



### St. John's 145th Anniversary Cookbook

*Just in time for Christmas giving!*

St. John's historical cookbook "**Over the Years: A Cookbook Collection**" has arrived! This edition has all of the 1908 and 1920 cookbooks complete with advertisements of the time, excerpts from the 1988 cookbook, and new recipes from our current St. John's families. You'll find a short history of St. John's and pictures from our past, as well as a look back at what was happening in Wichita. It's a great gift idea for the history buff, current and past members of our parish, or anyone who loves good cooking and eating!

You may purchase your cookbook (first copy \$20, then \$18 each) by contacting the parish office at [cathyharris@stjohnswichita.org](mailto:cathyharris@stjohnswichita.org) or call 262-0897. We can put your order together and have it ready for you to pick up when you come to church.

### St. John's Parish Celebrates 145th Anniversary



Bishop Dean Wolfe led a service of prayer at St. John's on Sunday evening, November 22, in recognition of 145 years of Christian ministry in Wichita. The service also served as a rededication of our buildings and property following recent renovations. A reception following the service was the perfect opportunity to break in the beautiful new undercroft space!

The Bishop's visit also afforded him the chance to meet with some of the newest participants in our family of faith. At left is Fr. Earl Mahan and Bishop Wolfe, along with Mike McFerren, Mother Eli Montes and Brother Guadalupe, and members of the new Latino ministry meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Sundays.

### St. John's Choir Presents A Festival of Lessons and Carols

**Sunday, December 13th, at 4:00 p.m.**

**Reception following in the undercroft**

Enjoy the beauty of this musical Christmas worship of readings, carols & hymns with your family and friends.





## PARISH NOTES

**RECORDS OF GIVING:** Statements of your Record of Giving will be mailed out in early December.

**CHOIR WILL REHEARSE LESSONS & CAROLS** on Saturday, December 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room. This is a mandatory practice for those who would like to participate. The Festival of Lessons & Carols will be held on Sunday, December 13th, at 4:00 p.m. Contact [Ken Breeden](#) if you are interested.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE KING** will meet on Monday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Visitors always welcome!

**FINANCE COMMITTEE AND VESTRY WILL MEET** in the library on Thursday, December 17th, at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm respectively.

**THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE HOMELESS** will be Monday, December 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the church, recognizing lives lost on the streets of Wichita this past year. A reception in the parlor will follow. All are encouraged to attend.

### 146th Annual St. John's Parish Meeting & Luncheon

Please mark your calendars for the 146th Annual St. John's Parish Meeting on **Sunday, January 31, 2014, at 12:00 noon in the undercroft.** A light lunch will be served. You'll hear updates from parish clergy and leaders on the past year and plans and goals for the new year. St. John's will elect four Members to the Vestry with 3- year terms, two Members to the Vestry with 2-year terms, and will elect three Alternate Delegates: one with a 3-year term, one 2-year term and one 1-year term. A quorum attendance is required for elections, so please plan to attend!

**Current Vestry members:** Iola Crandall, Shari May, Pete McKernan, Mike Morrow, Scott Orr, Tish Seely, Bob Guenther, Mike McFerren, Mary Ohlemeier, Nicki Soice.

**Current Delegates:** Shari May, Paul Massaria, Racine Zackula

### #AdventWord

Nov 29 #WakeUp	Dec 12 #Wait
Nov 30 #Proclaim	Dec 13 #Wonder
Dec 1 #Give	Dec 14 #Accept
Dec 2 #Forgive	Dec 15 #Listen
Dec 3 #Repent	Dec 16 #Invite
Dec 4 #Worship	Dec 17 #Desire
Dec 5 #Believe	Dec 18 #Prepare
Dec 6 #Care	Dec 19 #Hope
Dec 7 #Be	Dec 20 #Look
Dec 8 #Surprise	Dec 21 #Experience
Dec 9 #Ask	Dec 22 #Pray
Dec 10 #Dare	Dec 23 #Reflect
Dec 11 #Shine	Dec 24 #Receive

Participate in this online photographic Advent Calendar. Post a picture with the hashtag each day. Search the hashtag on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram to see other people's posts.



St. John's Episcopal Church  
**Spanish Mass on the  
 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 Saturday, December 12th, at 4:00 p.m.  
 Tamale Dinner follows in the undercroft

Join us for Rite II Holy  
 Eucharist in Spanish every  
 Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Led by  
 The Rev. Elizabeth Montes.  
 Music led by Brother  
 Guadalupe. All are welcome!



St. John's Episcopal Church  
Profit & Loss Budget Proformance

October 2015

	Actual Oct 2015	Budget Oct 2015	Actual vs Budget Oct 2015	Actual Jan - Oct 2015	Budget Jan - Oct 2015	Actual vs Budget Jan - Oct 2015	2015 Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
Pledges	11,855.00	12,338.14	-483.14	109,534.83	116,375.18	-6,840.35	155,000.00
Contributions	2,077.13	2,202.02	-124.89	33,664.40	23,854.16	9,810.24	35,150.00
Investments	9,871.96	6,500.00	3,371.96	76,858.61	61,500.00	15,358.61	82,000.00
Additional Income	9,390.00	12,090.00	-2,700.00	31,719.42	35,000.00	-3,280.58	37,180.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>33,194.09</b>	<b>33,130.16</b>	<b>63.93</b>	<b>251,777.26</b>	<b>236,729.34</b>	<b>15,047.92</b>	<b>309,330.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	411.86	270.84	141.02	3,346.44	2,908.32	438.12	3,450.00
Outreach Ministry	5,648.97	5,640.00	8.97	58,418.70	56,700.00	1,718.70	67,980.00
Christian Formation Ministry	184.43	154.17	30.25	2,089.40	2,941.66	-852.26	3,250.00
Parish Life & Fellowship	765.22	545.83	219.39	4,159.85	3,058.34	1,101.51	3,750.00
Building & Grounds	563.96	1,300.00	-736.04	24,328.20	26,400.00	-2,071.80	31,345.00
Utilities	1,358.47	1,471.66	-113.19	19,534.37	20,106.68	-572.31	23,600.00
Office	300.85	305.00	-4.15	5,543.23	4,290.00	1,253.23	5,100.00
Personnel	21,447.28	26,974.47	-5,527.19	230,070.05	238,760.58	-8,690.53	282,418.00
Professional Fees & Accounting	1,857.69	1,800.00	57.69	22,613.45	21,400.00	1,213.45	30,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>32,538.72</b>	<b>38,461.97</b>	<b>-5,923.25</b>	<b>370,103.69</b>	<b>376,565.58</b>	<b>-6,461.89</b>	<b>450,893.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>655.37</b>	<b>-5,331.81</b>	<b>5,987.18</b>	<b>-118,326.43</b>	<b>-139,836.24</b>	<b>21,509.81</b>	<b>-141,563.00</b>

Trust for Curate	44,118.00
Begin. Balance	35,828.00
Estimated Budget	-61,617.00
Actual vs Budget	21,509.81
<b>Estimated Deficit</b>	<b>(40,107.19)</b>



**Community Rewards**

**Dillons Community Rewards Program  
Re-Enrollment Reminder**

In order for St. John's to continue receiving your Community Rewards points during the coming year, all supporters will need to re-enroll their Plus Shopper's card by January 1st, by visiting the website:

[www.dillons.com/communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards)

1. Sign in to your online account, or create a new account if you don't have one
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to *Community Rewards*
3. Click on *Enroll Now*
4. Find and select St. John's Wichita using one of the following search methods:

Find St. John's Wichita in the listing of participating organizations: **ST JOHN'S EPICOPAL CHURCH**  
Or, Enroll with our organization number: **10417**

All qualified shopping transactions you make in 2016 using your Dillons Plus Card will provide a cash back benefit to St. John's to further its mission and ministry. The bottom of your Dillons receipts will confirm that St. John's is your chosen Rewards organization. Please notify the parish office if you run into any difficulty while re-enrolling. Thank you for supporting St. John's!

## December Dates to Celebrate

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Kody Stareck  
 06 Connie Condray  
 07 Jessie Bitler  
 07 Larry Heeren  
 08 Bob McQuiston  
 11 Patricia Bauder  
 15 Anne-Jenell Williams  
 19 Bridget Hille  
 19 Cheyenne McQuiston  
 19 Courtney Poynter  
 24 Max Johnston  
 25 Jeff Orr  
 27 Marlene Franklin  
 28 Ruby Kaelson-Pike  
 29 Cad'n Downing  
 29 Max Williams

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

07 Shari May  
 17 Bob McQuiston  
 17 Nicole McQuiston  
 17 Samantha McQuiston  
 17 Zachary McQuiston  
 17 Cheyenne McQuiston  
 18 Deanna Waggaman  
 24 Jacob Marr  
 25 Marlene Franklin  
 30 Anne-Jenell Williams  
 30 Dylan Maccarone



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

28 Bob & Sue Guenther

## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Dedications may be made to the Altar Flower Fund in memory of loved ones, or in thanksgiving for blessings. A minimum donation of \$25 is requested. Sign in the book on the back table or call the parish office at 262-0897.



<b>12/06/15</b> Advent II	Shari May and Michael May	In loving memory of Clyde P. May, Dorothy Moody and Mari Sanders
	Mike McFerren	In loving memory of Edwin McCrillis on the anniversary of his birth
<b>12/13/15</b> Advent III	Tracy Morris	In thanksgiving for the birthdays of her children: Gracyn Ross on 12/12, Emerson Ross and Karsen Ross on 12/15
	June Anne Kelley	In loving memory of Edwin McCrillis on the anniversary of his birth
<b>12/20/15</b> Advent IV	Phil & Nancy Dietrich	In loving memory of Richard & Ada McFadden, mother and father of Nancy
<b>12/27/15</b> 1st Sunday after Christmas		Poinsettias

## St. John's History by Parish Historian, Katie Pott

### 145 years ago

**The First Ten Years, 1999:** 1870 closes with six inches of snow falling on December 16, followed by a cold wave on December 22 resulting in the Little Arkansas River freezing six inches deep. In spite of the cold, the little stockade-style church is used for Wichita's first Christmas. **Illustrated History of Early Wichita, 1914, "The First Christmas in Wichita 1870" by Fred Sowers, (first published in the Vidette, December 26, 1870):** "It was a most gladsome occasion; the dirt roof church over which Reverend Hilton, who was of the Episcopal persuasion, was the only place of worship so designated, in Wichita; the ladies of the church had decorated it for the occasion, and a Christmas tree gaily decked with small lighted candles, and the interim branches of the tree loaded with candies and trinkets and rattling with tinsel, was a feast for the few frontier boys and girls, and a moist-eyed reminder to the grown-up attendants produced similar scenes." ~ "Reverend Hilton preached a very appropriate sermon, after which the attendants marched to Morgan Cox's store-room, where a bountiful repast was spread, consisting of buffalo meat prepared in various styles, prairie-chicken, quail-on-toast, venison, and chicken-pie, with cakes, pies and custards, as viands; everybody mingled and freely exchanged thoughts, were happy and made the day truly Christmas like." ~ The evening concludes with dancing to the music of Fred Schattner's string band.

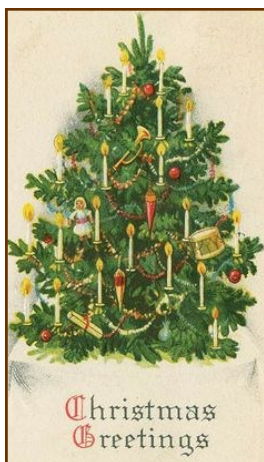


### 137 years ago

**The Kansas Churchman, December 1878:** "We of St. John's Parish, Wichita, are rejoicing in the hope of being able soon to worship God in a house set apart to this sacred purpose. An amount has been subscribed by the towns people and parishioners, that added to the \$500 promised by the Bishop warrants our beginning the work, and we are expecting to lay the corner stone very soon. The church is to be a neat frame Gothic edifice, small, but capable of easy enlargement when necessary. At present we worship and hold Sunday school in 'Russell Hall,' a pleasant room which with the addition of a chancel rail, furnishes us with as suitable a place as any, other than a church edifice. . . . We are making preparations for the Sunday school Christmas Festival, and our workers enter into them with the usual spirit of loving, harmonious zeal which is always an encouragement of the Rector of this Parish." **The First Ten Years:** Gifts from Mr. Colton's former diocese arrived. The Southern Ohio Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions sent a portable communion service paid for by Mr. Colton's former parish, St. John's in Lancaster, the remainder by the Church of the Advent, Cincinnati. On Christmas Eve communion linens, a pair of walnut alms plates and white book marks arrived from the "Altar chapter" of the Women's Guild of Christ Church Chapel in Philadelphia.

### 136 years ago

**The Kansas Churchman (reprinted from the Wichita Beacon, December 1879):** [On Christmas Eve] carols were sung by the [Sunday] School and after a few appropriate remarks by the rector Rev. J. S. Colton a fine Christmas tree was unloaded to the delight of the children. These all received some gift and in addition fourteen scholars received Bibles from the rector for learning the catechism while three more received rewards for learning the ten commandments. A dozen or more had received the latter prize within a few weeks. The members of the choir were not forgotten and several of the teachers received gifts from their respective classes. In addition two other tokens of remembrance for the pastor and his family, a pocketbook containing \$28 was found on the tree addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Colton from the congregation. The usual church service was held on Christmas day. Mr. Colton officiated and the song of the angels, "Glory to God in the Highest" was the text of the sermon. The church was decorated in accordance with the old custom of the Episcopal Church and the music was appropriate and well rendered.



Serving the LORD with Gladness

	December 06 Sunday  Advent II	December 13 Sunday  Advent III	December 20 Sunday  Advent IV Greening of Church	December 24 Thursday Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist Family 5:30 p.m. Service	December 25 Friday Christmas Day Holy Eucharist Service 10:00 a.m.	December 27 Sunday  St. John Apostle & Evangelist
<b>8:00 a.m. Service</b>	<b>RITE I</b>	<b>RITE I</b>	<b>RITE I</b>	<b>RITE I</b>	<b>RITE I</b>	<b>RITE I</b>
Organist				Ken Breeden	Ken Breeden	
Altar Guild	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	L. McKernan	L. McKernan Mike McFerren	~~~~~
Acolyte/Chalice	Racine Zackula	Cora Olson	Mike Morrow	Cathy Harris	T. Breeden- Chalice	Cathy Harris
Lector / Intercessor	Charles Lloyd	Cora Olson	Mike Morrow	Cathy Harris	Tammy Breeden	Cathy Harris
				<b>Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist Service with Choir 10:00 p.m.</b>		
<b>10:30 a.m. Service</b>	<b>RITE II</b>	<b>RITE II</b>	<b>RITE II</b>	<b>RITE II</b>		<b>RITE II</b>
Organist	Dean Roush	Ken Breeden	D. Waggaman	Ken Breeden		Dean Roush
Altar Guild	Lanelle McKernan ~~~~~	Leslie Dunlap Racine Zakula	Mike Morrow ~~~~~	L. McKernan Mike McFerren		Kelley Davidson ~~~~~
<u>Acolytes</u> Server	Mikayla Mahan	Jack Burkholder	Jack Burkholder	Mikayla Mahan		Tish Seely
Crucifer	Paul Steele	Jack Burkholder	Mike Morrow	Paul Steele		Tish Seely
Lector / Intercessor	Katie Pott	Judy Nelson	Mike Morrow	Trevor Mahan		Roger Carvalho
LEMs Chalice Bearers	Tish Seely Dcn. Deedee	Tom Pott Dcn. Deedee	Mike Morrow Dcn. Deedee	Katie Pott Dcn. Deedee		Tish Seely Dcn. Deedee
Daughters of the King	Tish Seely	Judy Nelson	Nancy Dietrich	No Delivery		No Delivery
Refreshments	Cathy Harris		Nancy Dietrich	~~~~~		Kelley Davidson
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Charles Lloyd	Paul Massaria	Charles Lloyd	~~~~~		~~~~~
fecha	06 de diciembre	13 de diciembre	20 de diciembre	24 de diciembre víspera		27 de diciembre
dia	segundo domingo de Adviento	tercer domingo de Adviento	cuarto domingo de Adviento	de Navidad servicio de medianoche		San Juan Apóstol y evangelista
<b>servicio de 1:00 pm</b>	<b>rito II santa eucaristía</b>	<b>rito II santa eucaristía</b>	<b>rito II santa eucaristía</b>	<b>rito II santa eucaristía</b>		<b>rito II santa eucaristía</b>
sacerdote	Mtr. Eli Montes	Mtr. Eli Montes	Mtr. Eli Montes	Mtr. Eli Montes		Mtr. Eli Montes
gremio del altar	Mike McFerren	Mike McFerren	Mike McFerren	Mike McFerren		Mike McFerren
organista	Br. Guadalupe	Br. Guadalupe	Br. Guadalupe	Br. Guadalupe		Br. Guadalupe

*If you are not able to serve as scheduled, please find a substitute and notify the parish office of the change.*





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Come Let Us Adore Him</i></p>		<p><b>1</b> 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 6:30 PM Episcopal Campus Ministry of Wichita in the parlor</p>	<p><b>2</b> 12:00 PM Noonday Prayer &amp; Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM <b>Evening Prayer</b> 6:15 PM Contemplative Prayer Group in the library</p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:00 PM Outreach Meeting in the library</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:00 AM Rehearsal for Lesson &amp; Carols 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Hope Mennonite Church</p>
<p><b>6</b> ADVENT II 8:00 AM <b>Rite I Eucharist</b> 9:00 AM Coffee &amp; Conversation in the Parlor 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study in the library 10:30 AM <b>Rite II Eucharist</b> 11:45 AM Coffee &amp; Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM <b>Spanish-Language Eucharist</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class WINTER BREAK for Episcopal Campus Ministry of Wichita</p>	<p><b>9</b> 12:00 PM Noonday Prayer &amp; Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM <b>Rite II Holy Eucharist</b> 6:15 PM Contemplative Prayer Group in the library</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Riverwalk Church 4:00-7:00 PM <b>Spanish Mass on Guadalupe</b>; tamale dinner following service</p>
<p><b>13</b> ADVENT III 8:00 AM <b>Rite I Eucharist</b> 9:00 AM Coffee &amp; Conversation in the Parlor 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study in library 10:30 AM <b>Rite II Eucharist</b> 11:45 AM Coffee &amp; Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM Teen Ministry Meeting &amp; Lunch 4:00 PM <b>Spanish-Language Eucharist</b> <b>Service of Lessons &amp; Carols</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 6:00 PM Daughters of the King in the library</p>	<p><b>15</b> 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class</p>	<p><b>16</b> 12:00 PM Noonday Prayer &amp; Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM <b>Evening Prayer</b> 6:15 PM Contemplative Prayer Group in the library</p>	<p><b>17</b> 5:00-6:00 PM Finance Meeting in the library 6:00-7:30 PM Vestry Meeting in library</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Pathway Church</p>
<p><b>20</b> ADVENT IV THIRD SUNDAY FOR DOORSTEP 8:00 AM <b>Rite I Eucharist</b> 9:15 AM Coffee &amp; Conversation in the Parlor 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study in library 10:30 AM <b>Rite II Eucharist</b> 11:45 AM Coffee &amp; Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM <b>Spanish-Language Eucharist</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> 7:00 PM <b>Memorial Service for the Homeless</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class</p>	<p><b>23</b> 12:00 PM Noonday Prayer &amp; Bible Study 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM <b>Evening Prayer</b> 6:15 PM Contemplative Prayer Group in the library</p>	<p><b>24</b> 6:00 PM <b>Christmas Eve Rite II Holy Eucharist</b> 9:30 PM Choral Concert 10:00 PM <b>Christmas Eve Rite II Holy Eucharist</b> 11:30 PM <b>Vispera de Navidad rito II sancta eucarista</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:00 AM <b>Christmas Day Rite I Holy Eucharist</b> Parish Office closed</p>	<p><b>26</b> 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Lutheran Synod</p>
<p><b>27</b> First Sunday of Advent &amp; Pledge Ingingathering 8:00 AM <b>Rite I Eucharist</b> 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast in the parlor 9:30 AM Acolyte and Server practice 10:30 AM <b>Rite II Eucharist</b> 11:45 AM Coffee &amp; Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM <b>Spanish-Language Eucharist</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 5:30 PM <b>Evening Prayer</b> 6:15 PM Contemplative Prayer Group in the library</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>		

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<b>Sundays</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Rite I Holy Eucharist</b>
	<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Adult Forum</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Rite II Holy Eucharist</b>
	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist in Spanish</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Noonday Prayer &amp; Bible Study</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer Service, or</b> <b>Rite II Holy Eucharist, 2nd &amp; 4th Wednesdays</b>
	<b>6:15 pm</b>	<b>Contemplative Prayer Group</b>

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