



Parish Notes

- Spring Fiesta, Saturday, April 30, 3-7 p.m. in the undercroft.
- Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th
- Pentecost Sunday, May 15th, all services.
- Parish Cook-out & Potluck Lunch on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th, 11:45 a.m. in the courtyard.
- Knit with Knowledge, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th

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He Offered Us These Words

These last few weeks have proven to be unsettling for our St. John's family. It was difficult to say goodbye to Father Earl, a man everyone truly liked. It was difficult to begin building a rhythm for our worship, to begin establishing our new "normal." We needed comforting, we needed hope, we needed direction. Then in the midst of our first shaky steps came a Gospel reading with words meant for all of us.

They were the chosen ones; the ones closest to this man called Jesus. They had followed Him in glory into Jerusalem; they had basked in the joy of Palm Sunday. Then, though He had tried to tell his disciples, though he had tried to prepare them, He was gone. The unthinkable had forced them into hiding, fearful for their lives. He had not saved Himself! What were they to do? Where were they to go? While deep in their grief and confusion, word reached them that the stone had been rolled away, that His body was gone.

They didn't know then what we know now. It's doubtful they felt hope; He's gone and now someone has taken His body? It's doubtful that His Resurrection was even considered. Then a voice reached out to them; then a figure appeared. Jesus had come back! Jesus was there among them. He lives!

They had been beside him for so long, yet they had not fully heard. They had walked with Him, yet they had not fully understood. Jesus now set about preparing these men to continue His work. In earnest, Jesus repeated His lessons. Encouraging. Reassuring. Building confidence. These men had to understand if they were to go out into the world to spread The News.

Following a meal one evening Jesus drew them in and asked Simon Peter "Do you love me more than these?" Peter assured Him he did and Jesus told him, "**Feed my lambs.**" A second time Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" and Peter again assured Him that he did. "**Tend my sheep.**" Yet a third time Jesus asked, "Do you love me?" And again Peter told Him he did. Jesus responded, "**Feed my sheep.**"

"Feed my lambs." "Tend my sheep." "Feed my sheep."

Every week in our bulletin we see the names of members of our St. John's family who need us. Every week in our Prayers of the People we *hear* the names of those who need us. Every week at our back door we *respond* to those who need us. St. John's is in the midst of change but these words, His words, can serve to guide us. In our own discomfort may we reach out to those around us, to His sheep.

Gracious Father, make us ever mindful of Your presence among us. Help us remember that YOU are the reason we are here; YOU are the reason St. John's exists. May our thoughts and actions be reflective of the work you would have us to do. Amen.

To Our Parish Family,

This is a letter that I hoped to not have to write, but as we near the end of the choir season in May we have a situation that must be met head-on. Because of budget cuts the choir will be out of money by June. We may have a few hundred dollars left in our account but not nearly enough to get us through the remainder of the year. Most of this money is spent on our paid singers. We pay four people - a soprano, alto, tenor and bass - to supplement our choir during the year. These people not only help our choir sound better, they add numbers to sections that are small and might barely be heard without them. All of them are good musicians and we depend on them to enhance our overall balance and blend.



At our annual meeting I introduced an "adopt-a-singer" program to help offset the shortage of funds. Anyone could make a donation. The suggested amount was \$50 for one week, \$100 for two weeks, etc. Tammy and I said that we would get the ball rolling by adopting a singer for the entire fall semester which would be \$800. This would leave us \$2200 to raise out of the original \$3000 needed. So far, there have been no additional contributions. If we wish to keep our paid singers we need to know by the end of May whether we will have the additional monies needed to keep the choir going this fall. If we fall short, not only will we lose our paid singers but the choir most likely will not be able to continue. Five or six people simply cannot function as a choir, especially if parts are missing or if someone is absent some Sunday who may be the only alto or bass.

I certainly do not want to see us lose our choir. It has been a vital part of St. John's for almost 145 years, but we definitely need your help and support if we are to continue this ministry. Please carefully consider making a contribution to the choir fund. No amount is too small (or too large!) as we try to reach our goal of \$2200.

Sincerely,
Ken Breeden
St. John's Choir Director



Spring Fiesta is Saturday, April 30, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Homemade flautas, enchiladas, refried beans, and rice, will be served, along with limonada and horchata to drink. WSU's Banda Hispanica provides live music from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per plate, and carry-out is available. Contact the parish office to reserve your tickets.

Mega Camp registration is open for those who have completed grades 3 through 12! Mega Camp is June 5-11 at Camp Wood YMCA. Activities include horseback riding, archery, climbing tower, canoe/kayaking, swimming, water slide, mud slide, arts and sports. Christian education is led by adult volunteers, featuring worship, music, small groups and prayer. Evenings are filled with a talent show, movie night, and a dance. The cost is \$140 if you register by May 6th. Scholarships are available; contact Cathy Harris at 262-0897.

Daughters of the King will share their final meeting for the season on Monday, May 2nd at St. James' Church at 3750 E. Douglas. We will join St. James' DOK for Eucharist at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner together and a program.

St. James' invites you to their 87th Annual Old English Tea, Saturday, May 7, from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be tea and tarts, shopping, door prizes and baked goodies, with a fashion show at 11 am. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children age 4-12 (free nursery for younger children), available at St. James' parish office (683-5686) or at the door.

"Knit with Knowledge" meets Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. Bring your knitting or crochet and work on hats & scarves to give our Sandwich Saturday guests, or come just to sit in on the video lessons by Dr. Amy Jill Levine on The Old Testament.

St. John's Episcopal Church
 Profit & Loss Budget Proformance
 March 2016

	Actual Mar 2016	Budget Mar 2016	Actual vs Budget Mar 2016	Actual Jan - Mar 2016	Budget Jan - Mar 2016	Actual vs Budget Jan - Mar 2016	2016 Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Pledges	9,697.00	15,049.80	-5,352.80	43,384.53	39,317.40	4,067.13	162,000.00
Contributions	3,311.85	4,615.14	-1,303.29	7,515.37	9,082.02	-1,566.65	36,150.00
Investments	5,332.96	6,340.43	-1,007.47	16,212.33	16,564.29	-351.96	68,250.00
Additional Income	866.00	700.00	166.00	3,056.33	2,100.00	956.33	8,400.00
Latino/Hispanic Ministry Income	198.00	232.25	-34.25	443.50	606.75	-163.25	2,500.00
Total Income	19,405.81	26,937.62	-7,531.81	70,612.06	67,670.46	2,941.60	277,300.00
Expense							
Latino/Hispanic Expense	1,476.16	868.83	607.33	3,473.54	2,180.37	1,293.17	10,000.00
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	366.14	233.34	132.80	1,266.19	990.02	276.17	3,090.00
Outreach Ministry	5,576.50	6,101.50	-525.00	16,946.76	18,304.50	-1,357.74	73,218.00
Christian Formation Ministry	62.04	127.09	-65.05	347.18	381.23	-34.05	1,525.00
Parish Life & Fellowship	280.72	270.83	9.89	726.96	812.53	-85.57	3,250.00
Building & Grounds	3,244.99	1,666.67	1,578.32	7,831.00	7,308.10	522.90	31,014.00
Utilities	1,461.73	2,441.67	-979.94	6,590.97	7,474.97	-884.00	21,400.00
Office	721.67	629.00	92.67	2,265.84	2,289.00	-23.16	6,400.00
Personnel	16,915.10	17,682.16	-767.06	55,954.51	56,324.20	-369.69	215,901.00
Professional Fees & Accounting	1,715.11	1,687.50	27.61	5,227.49	5,062.50	164.99	23,450.00
Total Expense	31,820.16	31,708.59	111.57	100,630.44	101,127.42	-496.98	389,248.00
Net Ordinary Income	-12,414.35	-4,770.97	-7,643.38	-30,018.38	-33,456.96	3,438.58	-111,948.00

St. John's 2016/2017 Scholarship Applications Deadline is July 1st

The Scholarship Committee will begin accepting applications for the 2016/2017 school terms. St. John's Scholarship Program was implemented in 1981 and has awarded 191 scholarships to 83 parishioners totaling \$147,995. Any member of St. John's who will be attending College or an Institute of Higher Learning is eligible to submit an application. Friday, July 1st is the deadline for returning Scholarship Applications to the Parish Office. The names of St. John's Scholarship recipients will be announced in church on Sunday, July 17, 2016. Scholarship Applications are available at the back of the church or by contacting Cathy Harris in the parish office at 262-0897.

We are blessed to have this scholarship fund available for our members and very much look forward to passing these blessings on to our deserving students! Please let us hear from you. If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact our Sr. Warden, Nicki Soice.



Wear Red for Pentecost

Sunday, May 15th
 8:00, 10:30 a.m. and
 1:00 p.m. Spanish-language

Stay for a cookout & potluck dinner following the 10:30 a.m. service in our lovely new courtyard area. Hot dogs will be provided. Bring a side dish and a friend and join us!

Mark your calendar!

The Right Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas, will visit St. John's on Sunday, June 19th, as celebrant and preacher for one service at 10:30 a.m. There will not be an 8:00 a.m. service that day. An offering for the Bishop's discretionary fund will be taken. There will be a reception with Bishop Wolfe following the service.





BLESSINGS ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY

MAY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

01	Scott Orr
01	Katie Pott
01	Linda Jaynes
03	Cole Davidson
03	Jean Wikle
11	Kaylen Mueller
11	Kari Bitler
11	Clinton Orr
14	Amy Sheffler
17	Garry Morris
17	Judy Morris
19	Derek Settle
19	Max Williams

21	Courtney Poynter
21	Jared Williams
22	Mary Frances Hathaway
23	Caleb Oswell
23	Caitlan Oswell
23	Tracy Anderson
25	Jill Poynter
26	Scott Mueller
26	Lawton Boggs
27	Duane Poynter
28	Iola Crandall
30	Brittany Troyer
30	Amanda West
30	Damien West
30	Theresa West

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

18	Phil & Nancy Dietrich
20	Philip & Kelley Davidson

MAY BIRTHDAYS

01	Collin Cordoba
01	Christian Cathey
06	Scott Orr
06	Zackary McQuiston
11	Dan Seely
12	Mia Carvalho
16	Cooper Bitler
19	Jan Mueller
21	Robert Kindsvatter
22	Taby West
23	Tammy Breeden
28	Pat Heeren
30	Amy Maccarone
31	Robert Elliott
31	Jake Seely

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.

05/01/16 6th Sunday after Easter	St. John's Parish	In thanksgiving for our Latino/Hispanic congregation
05/08/16 7th Sunday after Easter & Mother's Day	Shari May and Michael May	In loving memory of her mother and his grandmother, Dorothy E. Moody
05/15/16 Day of Pentecost	Phil & Nancy Dietrich	In thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary
05/22/16 Trinity Sunday	Ken Breeden Marlene Franklin	In thanksgiving for his wife Tammy's birthday In loving memory of her parents Harold & Frances Cox, and her nephew Kelly Cox
05/29/16 2nd Sunday after Pentecost		

St. John's History

by Parish Historian, Katie Pott

120 years ago...

Easter Souvenir Mirror, 1896:

H. A. Bliss. Organist of St. John's Church.

H.A. Bliss has been the organist for St. John's church for the last eighteen years, with the exception of about two years, that he was not living in Wichita. He has been constant and devoted in his duties, never missing service when it could be avoided. He has given his aid in the musical part of the service of the church without stopping to take into consideration the question of compensation. When the parish was able he has been paid a small salary, but when it was not in a condition to pay he asked none; and often when by agreement he was to be paid, he waived it until other obligations of the church were first satisfied. Mr. Bliss is an accomplished organist, and his services at the organ has aided much in making the service pleasing and impressive. Not a few have been drawn to the church because of his presiding at the organ. ~ During the ministry of Mr. Rhames he suggested and assisted in the organization of an Antiphonal Choir, but it did not prove to be as successful as desired, and after Mr. von Herrlich became rector the matter was again taken up and under the directorship of Mrs. J. C.



Leathe the present Vested Choir was organized. Mrs. Leathe devoted much of her time to the work, without compensation, and was ably assisted by Mrs. Dr. Day. The choir is under the able directorship of Miss Grace Hatton, and has been brought to a high standard of perfection. ~ Mr. Bliss was always ably assisted by Mr. Ed. McGill, who has always been an indefatigable worker in the church. ~ Mr. Bliss, by his disinterested and long continued aid to the church has endeared himself to all its members, and won the commendation of the people of Wichita, generally.

9 years ago...

“They are a real church...”

I came to Wichita to join the music faculty at WSU in 1965. I had expanded a graduate religion minor into a divinity degree and spent the weekends of my first two years in Presbyterian pulpits. I began to yearn for musical activity on weekends – especially something that involved both choir and organ (a rare situation in Wichita). In the fall of 1967, I was having coffee with Bob Edwards, organist-choirmaster at St. John's. He was planning to leave and I wanted to learn whether I might be interested in applying for the job. His descriptions included the sometimes difficult, aging rector, the choir, the organ, etc. What most impressed me was his description of the people: “they come from both sides of the tracks, some whose history with the church is generations long and some newer members, several influential lawyers and several laboring people... they know why they come and who they are as they come to the altar... rectors will come and they will go, but the core of the congregation seems to be very stable... they are a real church...they care about each other and about those who may join.” I could tell he loved the place. I applied. After 40+ years of my own observation up close and at a distance I believe he spoke the truth. — David Childs, Fall 2007

Serving the LORD with Gladness

MAY 2016 (Year C)

Preacher / Celebrant	Morning Prayer Service The Rev. Deedee Evans	The Rev. Elizabeth Montes		The Rev. Carolyn Ballinger	The Rev. Sam Criss
	May 1st 6th Sunday of Easter	May 8th 7th Sunday of Easter	May 15th Day of Pentecost	May 22nd Trinity Sunday	May 29th 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Service	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I
Acolyte/Chalice		Racine Zackula	Cathy Harris	Cathy Harris	Cathy Harris
Lector / Intercessor	Charles Lloyd	Racine Zackula	Charles Lloyd	Cathy Harris	Cathy Harris
10:30 a.m. Service	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II
Organist	Joel Brejda	Ken Breeden	Ken Breeden	Dean Roush	
Altar Guild	Lanelle McKernan	Racine Zackula	Leslie Dunlap	Kelley Davidson	Lanelle McKernan
Acolytes		Paul Steele	Emerson Ross	Jack Burkholder	Gracyn Ross
Server		Tish Seely	Gracyn Ross	Jack Burkholder	Emerson Ross
Crucifer					
Lector / Intercessor	Judy Nelson	Tammy Breeden	Gracyn Ross	Roger Carvalho	Emerson Ross
Chalice Bearers		Tish Seely	Katie Pott	Tom Pott	Tammy Breeden
		Dn. Deedee	Dn. Deedee	No Dn. Deedee	Dn. Deedee
Daughters of the King	Tish Seely	Nancy Dietrich	Judy Morris	Jean Wikle	Tish Seely
Refreshments	Jack Burkholder	Phil & Nancy Dietrich	Nadine Deardorff	Paul Massaria	Parish Breakfast
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Charles Lloyd	Paul Massaria	Charles Lloyd	~~~~~	~~~~~

fecha	1 de mayo	8 de mayo	15 de mayo	22 de mayo	29 de mayo
dia	Sexto Domingo de Pascua	Septimo Domingo de Pascua	Día de Pentecostés	Domingo de Trinidad	Segundo Domingo de Pentecostés
servicio de 13:00	rito II	rito II	rito II	rito II	rito II
sacerdote	The Rev. Elizabeth Montes	The Rev. Elizabeth Montes	The Rev. Elizabeth Montes	The Rev. Elizabeth Montes	The Rev. Elizabeth Montes
gremio del altar	Michael McFerren	Michael McFerren	Michael McFerren	Michael McFerren	Michael McFerren
organista	Br. Guadalupe	Br. Guadalupe	Br. Guadalupe	Br. Guadalupe	Br. Guadalupe

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



MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Easter 6 Rev. Deedee Evans 8:00 AM Rite I Morning Prayer Choir rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 10:30 AM Rite II Morning Prayer 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist	2 Daughters of the King at St. James', 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, dinner & program.	3 5:45 PM EFM-Education For Ministry, library 6:30 PM Episcopal Campus Ministry of Wichita End of Semester Dinner 6:30 PM Knit with Knowledge, parlor	4 3:00 PM Staff Meeting	5	6	7 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Hope Mennonite Church	
8 Easter 7 / Mother's Day Rev. Elizabeth Montes 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist Choir rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist	9	10 5:45 PM EFM-Education For Ministry, library 6:30 PM Knit with Knowledge, parlor	11 3:00 PM Staff Meeting	12	13	14 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Riverwalk Church of Christ	
15 Day of Pentecost Third Sunday for Outreach offering 8:00 AM Rite I Morning Prayer Choir rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 10:30 AM Rite II Morning Prayer 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist	16	17 5:45 PM EFM-Education For Ministry, library 6:30 PM Knit with Knowledge, parlor	18 3:00 PM Staff Meeting	19 5:00 PM Finance Meeting in the library 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting in the library	20	21 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Pathway Church	
22 Trinity Sunday Rev. Carolyn Ballinger 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist Choir rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist	23	24 5:45 PM EFM-Education For Ministry, library 6:30 PM Knit with Knowledge, parlor	25 3:00 PM Staff Meeting	26	27	28 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Lutheran Synod	
29 Pentecost 2 Rev. Sam Criss 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Parish Breakfast in the undercroft 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist	30 Memorial Day Office closed	31 5:45 PM EFM-Education For Ministry, library 6:30 PM Knit with Knowledge, parlor				Please note: There will be no Wednesday services or study groups through May	

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We welcome you!

Sundays	8:00 am	Rite I Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	Rite II Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer
	1:00 pm	Holy Eucharist in Spanish

Staff and Vestry

Staff

The Rev. Elizabeth Montes—Priest Assoc./Latino/Hispanic Ministry
The Rev. Deedee Evans—Interim Deacon
Cathy Harris—Parish Administrator & Bookkeeper
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Gaither, Sarah Kittrell, Pete McKernan, Mayra Ocampo

Delegates: Shari May, Paul Massaria, Racine Zackula

Alternates: Tish Seely, Mike McFerren, Lanelle McKernan

