



Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

Reaching Individuals and Families of the Concho Valley with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ!

AGNUS DEI

August 2017

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Psalm 86.11

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Brothers and sisters,

Have you found yourself asking the Lord for something and at the same time doubting whether or not He will answer or even cares? There are times when we ask, seek, and knock, all the while we also make contingency plans (just in case).

I find myself with this "divided heart" all too often. Usually its simply because I fear what the Lord will ask or demand of me. There are times when He doesn't answer on my schedule, and I grow impatient. There are also times when I'm to willing let go, and let Him do what He will, in His time, in His way, and I've discovered that His will, done His way, never lacks His provision. I must remind myself of all the times Jesus has shown Himself faithful to me, Eileen, our family, our church, our friends in the past. (Sometime ask me about the leaking water heater or how I learned to tithe!) Two things on my heart presently directly impact our congregation's life and ministry in major ways.

First, I'm praying specifically for the Lord to provide us with a young family/youth pastor who is married, has school-aged children, a wife who is willing and able to work at least part-time to supplement their income, and is willing to join us in 'planting' a new church in our parish family. Tall order. Without the Lord making a way where there seems to be no way, it will not happen. The Lord's given me some resources and ideas on how to begin this work now, and I'm acting on what He provides. Please pray with me for the vision He's given to come to fruition in His time.

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Second, we have been graced for a little over six years with a Spirit-led, devoted, faithful follower of Jesus to accompany us in our congregational singing, choose music, direct the choir, inspire us with just the right piano selection at just the right moment that we needed to hear it. Judy has served the Lord and us well, at times while she was in great pain due to medical illness. We've advertised widely to fill this position. We had one inquirer who the day before they were to come for an interview and audition changed their mind. Please pray with me for the Lord to raise up and provide His chosen accompanist and director. I'm tempted to jump ahead realizing that we are hosting Synod & Ordination to the Priesthood in September. Judy came as an answer to prayer, and we need the person the Lord has in mind to pick up this vital ministry. Will you pray with me to be open and wait patiently for the Lord to act?

Apostle James, the Lord Jesus' brother, instructs us about praying in chapter 1:5 and following: *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts ... is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."* I don't want to be double-minded, having a divided heart. Do you? The Lord Jesus is in charge of my life and yours, He knows what He desires, He tells us how to respond, He empowers us with the Holy Spirit and the intellectual, emotional, physical and financial resources to accomplish His will. I'm praying we learn daily to trust Him more.

We are securely Christ's own forever,



Stanley A. Burdock

SYNOD 2017 - WE'RE HOSTING!!!

Good Shepherd parish is hosting the Annual Synod of the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest, September 20-23. Delegates, clergy and bishops from the several dioceses will be joining us at Christ the King Retreat Center in San Angelo. We will also host and participate in the Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Deacon Kevin Parker of Midlothian, Texas. Volunteers are needed to pick up and return folks to the airport on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday; we're taking an outing to the Hummer House in Christoval on Wednesday afternoon, and could use a couple of drivers and hosts/hostesses to accompany our guests; we need registration and hospitality folks at the Retreat Center; prayer warriors to pray for the participants, and offer a prayer chapel at the Synod itself; as well as servers for the Ordination service and to help with the Reception which will follow the Parish Hall. (Linda Wilson and Rosemary Holm are coordinating the Reception.) If you will, please begin praying now for all the details that need to be in place for the Synod and if you can, volunteer to serve in one of the areas mentioned. Times and dates will be available in the Narthex beginning Sunday, August 6TH.



The choir presented Judy Holik with an "Autumn Angel" as a token of their love and appreciation for Judy's music ministry these last six years. Judy stepped down as accompanist, director and mentor as of July 30th. Thank you Judy from all of us for ministering to the Lord and us in music!

ACCOMPANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDED

Please share our need with those you know around San Angelo who may be interested in applying and auditioning for the position of accompanist and music director. They can obtain an application and arrange for an interview by calling our church secretary at (325) 949-6260, Monday through Friday, 9 AM - 2 PM.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is "the laying on of hands with prayer" by the bishop for those who wish to publicly Confirm their faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior, ask and receive a fresh anointing from the Holy Spirit, and become full members of the Church in the Anglican Way. Classes will be held on Saturday mornings from 11-Noon in the conference room of the church. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



RESTORING WHOLENESS

~ With A Focus On Post Traumatic Stress ~

For those knowing someone who survived serving in war zones, the reality that re-entry into civilian life is often difficult if not impossible for our Vets without Divine Intervention. The Holy Spirit Chapter of The Order of St Luke is holding a Healing Conference for those suffering from Post Traumatic Stress. Deacon John Bowers, a Navy veteran is the Healing Conference Leader. The conference will take place September 28-29 at the MCM Elegante Hotel and Event Center in Albuquerque, NM. There are posters around the church, and you may obtain more information from Deacon John Bowers (Christ the King, Albuquerque) at (505) 798-1877 or john.bowers5@comcast.net. Fr. Stan and Jenny can also provide details and registration information and forms.

THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN
REGION 7 HEALING CONFERENCE
 September 28-29
 Albuquerque, NM

Restoring Wholeness
 with a focus on Post Traumatic Stress

SPEAKERS
 The Rev. Mike Flynn
 Chaplain (Major) Dan Hardin, USA
 Dr. Donna Hart
 Captain Wesley Jagoe, USMC Reserves
 Chaplain Patrick McKinney

The Rev. Roberts Smith
 Chaplain Rev. Laurie Wells, PhD
 CMC Steven Viola, USN (Ret.)
 The Rt. Rev. Dr. Mark Zimmerman

PANELIST
 The Rev. Dr. Reinhart Schelert

LEADER
 Dr. John S. Bowers

LOCATION:
 MCM ELEGANTE HOTEL & EVENT CENTER, 2009 Menal Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107

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WHAT IS GAFCON AND WHO ARE THE GAFCON PRIMATES?

The Global Anglican Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans is a fellowship of Anglican Provinces around the world bound by a covenant to be faithful to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and work for revival in the Anglican Communion in accordance to the Holy Scriptures. The Primates are the Archbishops of the member Provinces, and represent more than 75% of the Anglicans world-wide. The largest Anglican Province is Nigeria with more than 11 million members. Above is a photo of GAFCON's 2nd Bishop Training Institute Participants. From time to time you will receive a letter from the chair of GAFCON. In 2018, the GAFCON representatives will meet in Jerusalem, Israel to mark the 10th Anniversary of GAFCON's founding, as well as pray, worship, support and encourage one another, study the Bible and strategize on how to reach out to believers and non-believers alike to share the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ. At the request of our sister churches in GAFCON, Archbishop Foley and several other bishops from around the world consecrated a missionary bishop from ACNA to serve in Scotland and England, where currently the established churches have abandoned Biblical Faith. Please keep GAFCON in your prayers. The link below will take you to the GAFCON web site, where you may learn more about our work, as well as ways to contribute prayerfully and financially to our mission.

<https://www.gafcon.org>

DEACON JUNE ON HOLIDAY

Since ordained, Deacon June has served every Sunday unless ill or out of town, and those were few and far between. Beginning in July, she is taking an extended holiday from parish duties. She will be with us for worship and study, and enjoying time with Rick and the family. Please pray for her refreshment and blessing for the Smith family members.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Would you like to know more about following Jesus in the Anglican Way, then Inquirer's Classes will be held on Sundays at 9:15 AM in the church conference room: August 20, 27, September 10, 17, 24 and October 1, and Thursday October 5 at 7:00 PM. For those wishing to be Confirmed when Bishop Mark visits on Sunday, October 10, Inquirers' Classes are required. Watch for registration sign-up in the Narthex of the church at the beginning of August.

SPONSORING THE BLESS PROJECT

The Vestry Meeting on July 10, 2017 voted unanimously to sponsor THE BLESS PROJECT. Mrs. Kaci Springer Shepherd, Erlene Springer's daughter, is the founder and leader of this ministry to parents who have lost custody of their children. Many of these people struggle with addiction. Parents will be referred to Kaci through Child Protective Services. THE BLESS PROJECT will be following the "Grace Based Parenting" Curriculum and Video series, as well as offer individuals a life-giving relationship with Jesus, and be mentored in a Christian Discipleship Training program to orient them to living with and for Jesus. Kaci will speak at both the 8:00 and 10:30



Services on Sunday, August 6 to share her living letter and how The Bless Project came to be. Kaci will also be at the Adult Class on August 6 in the Conference Room to share how to be a volunteer with the ministry, and orient discipleship mentors. Classes will tentatively begin the third week of August on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. These times were suggested to offer members of the church to reach out, make participants feel welcome and at home, and perhaps invite them to worship with us. Please pray for Kaci, the volunteers and participants, that they be aware of the Lord Jesus presence and love for each of them.

Appeal for Tables for the Parish Hall

The tables in the Parish Hall are on their last legs, literally. A fund has been approved by the Vestry for donation to replace them and to purchase some chairs with arms for our members who could use the stability they would provide. If you would like to donate to this cause you may make a contribution to the "Chair Fund"

FOUR IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

In October 2017 we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. In our Sunday morning Adult Formation class we are studying the **FOUR IDEAS** reintroduced to the Church by the reformers. Each idea is studied for two weeks, with practical applications to how these ideas, **God's ideas**, can transform our daily lives.

JULY 2 & 9 - GRACE ALONE - Martin Luther

JULY 16 & 23 - FAITH ALONE - John Calvin

JULY 30 & AUGUST 6 - SCRIPTURE ALONE - William Tyndale

AUGUST 13 & 20 - CHRIST ALONE - Archbishop Thomas Cranmer

The study includes Bible study, DVD presentations, reading documents from the reformation era, discussion and prayer. We purchased 15 workbooks, and they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. For those who would like to contribute toward defraying the cost of the DVD series and workbooks, a suggested donation of \$5.00. Please bring your own Bible, unless of course, you've memorized it! 😊

WATER AND GOD'S COVENANT WITH GREAT MEN IN THE BIBLE

Water is essential to all living things, and a significant element in biblical truth. In the Beginning on the second day God divided the waters. Heaven held rain and earth held streams, rivers and dwells (Gen. 1:6). Nomads traveled from well to well in the wilderness, and sharing water was an important form of hospitality. The agrarian lifestyle depended upon rains and rivers for growing crops and animals, and provision for humans (survival, hygiene, curative properties, rituals, spiritual symbolism, etc.). The universal Flood was God's punishment. When He saw the earth become corrupt (Gen. 6:13) He vowed to destroy both man and earth in a 150 day rain (Gen. 7:24). Because Noah was righteous and walked with God he, his family, and a remnant of animals were saved. With His rainbow covenant God vowed never again to curse the ground and destroy all living things (Gen. 8:21, 9:13).

God's chosen people complained bitterly in the wilderness where wells and streams were few and far between, lamenting and longing for the Nile's fertile fields. God provided wells to His glory: **Beer-Lahai-Roi**, named by Hagar as "the well of him who liveth and seeth me," that is, God Whose name is El Roi (Gen. 16:14); and **Beer-Sheba**, the well of the oath between Abraham and Abimelech (Gen. 21:25-33). There Abraham called upon the name of the eternal God, El Olam. Abraham, like Noah, was faithful and blameless in his walk with the LORD who made a covenant with him, changing his name to "father of many nations" (Gen. 17:5). This covenant guaranteed the perpetuity of God's chosen people, Israel. A well of living water and an altar marked the agreement at Beer-Sheba. There the Israelites worshiped and sacrificed in His presence.

Moses' name in Hebrew means, "I drew him out of the water" (Ex. 2:10). He was selected by God to free His people from Egyptian slavery and to give them His law. Moses, "whom the Lord knew face to face" (Deut. 34:10), was a major leader of his people and a significant mediator between them and God. The Lord used Moses in mighty ways, turning water into blood in one of the plagues (Ex. 7:20) and then dividing the sea (Ex. 14:21-15:21), thus convincing foolish Pharaoh that his power paled in comparison to Israel's Almighty God.

King David's psalms repeatedly mention God's glorious creation of the world with miriads of symbolic and beautiful references to living water. Prophets foretold of Jesus' coming, the promise of Living Water, the Messiah, the Anointed One. In the New Testament Jesus Christ provides God's new covenant with Christians who believe His is the One true and only Son of the Living God. His first miracle was to change water into wine. He was baptized in water and by the Holy Spirit. He washed the feet of His disciples in humble servitude. In His Last Supper He described communion in symbolism, calling bread His body and wine His blood, commanding us to remember Him with this ceremony. Water and blood gushed from His final wound on the cross. And with His divine resurrection, God's promise of eternal life is sealed in victory. In the end, the river of the water of life flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb (Rev. 22:1-2). Can you not hear the angels singing? Halleluiah! Amen!

Jean Stinnett



Meet Monday
 August 7th
 6:00 pm
 in the
 Conference Room.

Daughters of the Holy Cross

The Local Chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross will renew their Vow and welcome two new members on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at the 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist.

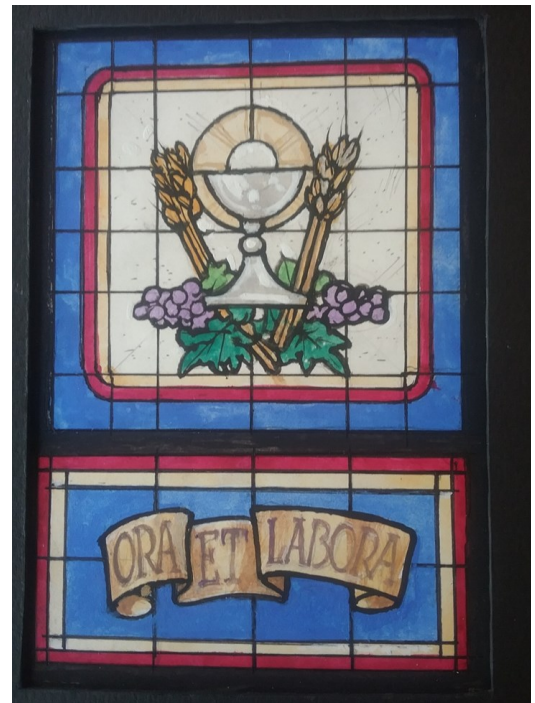
Great House Retreat August 25-27, 2017

Members of The Daughters of the Holy Cross, the Shepherd's Daughters Chapter, will be making a retreat at the Great House near Junction, Texas, Friday evening August 25 through Sunday morning August 27. For more details please contact Jean Yarbrough, chapter president.

**THE VESTRY
MEETING**

The regular monthly Vestry meeting will be held on Monday, **August 28**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the conference room.

This meeting is open to all members of the congregation.



New Stained Glass for Vesting Room Proposed

When Fr. Fred, from Cloudcroft, was here repairing the stain glass window in the Library I asked him to look at the window in the vesting room. This is the window to the right of the wooden doors as you enter the Church. Above is the design he is proposing. If someone would like to sponsor this window, Fr. Fred can create and install it for us for \$1,600. If you are interested please let me know.

Jr. Warden

August Bible Readings

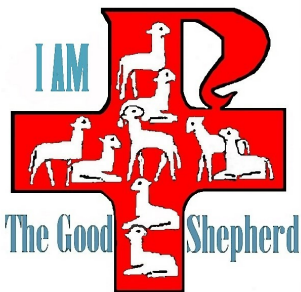
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/2	Lauren Brown
8/2	June Smith
8/6	Bert Hudson
8/8	Russell Thoma
8/13	Pam Thornton
8/13	Jane Thoma
8/14	Judy Holik
8/16	Billie Smithwick
8/18	Richey Oliver
8/21	Lou Czarnecki
8/30	Eileen Burdock

**September Agnus Dei
Deadline is August 18**



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