

THE EAGLE'S QUILL

ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER APRIL 2009



". . . THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT." *ISAIAH 40:31*

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We are a church community rooted in Anglican traditions and committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer, compassion, and encouragement.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven; . . . a time to plant and a time to uproot." *Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

Insofar as seasons are concerned, spring has always been my favorite – life renewing itself. It was the spring of 2004 when I first came to St. John's, and it will be Spring 2009 when Joe and I leave for Oregon. Through the years, I have made wonderful friends and been blessed with a Christian family. I've been held up and comforted in times of sorrow, encouraged while learning and walking closer with God, met my husband at St. John's, married at St. John's, and now with some tears will move. Joe and I have truly been blessed by being members of St. John's, and we count all of you as cherished friends. We can never thank you enough for all you have done and been in our lives, and we will cherish every memory. And though we will be moving far away, you will always remain in our hearts.

Joe and I will miss you. We'll write, send pictures and come back to visit. If you are ever in Oregon, please come to see us.

Blessings,

Cathy and Joe

As we begin yet another spring—the 149th for the Episcopal presence in Marlin, I find the world around me in a bit of chaos. At home, my mother is now on hospice at her nursing home and has days of unconsciousness, followed by days of being up and about in a wheelchair. And my daughter is about to give birth to Grandchild #2.

At St. John's, the loss because of a move across country of our dear Parish Administrator, Cathy Owen, and her husband Joe, our Senior Warden, weighs heavily. And yet there is rejoicing in this move as well, because Joe is taking a wonderful job in the federal government. They are moving to a beautiful small town in Oregon, and excitement and trepidation surround this move for them to a faraway place.

Outside my kitchen window, the garden looks, well, shaggy. The azalea bushes have some leaves and some blooms, but still look scraggly, so perhaps this will not be a good year for them. The gerbera daisies are triumphantly and colorfully blooming, and it is time to plant impatiens.

The bluebonnets and paintbrush along the highway bloom better than predicted, and the grass is shaggy as the Highway Department leaves it un-mown during the blooming season.

How like spring: chaos and hope and promise all mingled together, death and birth, endings and beginnings. How like God to give us such a season to remind us that His grace, hope, and abundant life continue, seemingly rising from death and endings.

Our hearts and prayers go with you, Cathy and Joe. We are so grateful for the love and labor you have given during your four years at St. John's. We wish you friends, good work, the quick finding of a church family and fruitful harvest in your new home.

Godspeed and blessings,

Judy+

SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND HEALING SERVICES 5:00 p.m.

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

April 1 – Lenten Study and Soup Dinner following Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m.

April 5 – Palm Sunday

April 9 – Maundy Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

April 10 – Good Friday at 12:00 Noon and 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service:

Rev. Thomas Q. Robbins of the First United Methodist Church has invited St. John's to attend the Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., April 12th. The men will be serving breakfast immediately following the service.

VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry will meet at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, April 19th.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

CURSILLO

If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, please contact either Polly Geake (584-4464) or Kyla Smith (584-4464 or 721-7409). Applications to attend Cursillo can be obtained on the Diocesan Cursillo website at www.texascurtillo.org.

2009 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

#224 June 18-21

#225 August 27-30

226 November 5-8 (campsite)

ULTREYA

Ultreya meets at 4:00 p.m. on the following Sundays:

April 19 – St. Christopher's, Killeen

May 17 – St. John's, Marlin

June 14 – To be announced

July 12 – All Saints, Cameron

August 9 – To be announced

September 13 – St. Christopher's, Killeen

October 11 – St. Paul's, Waco

November 15 – St. John's, Marlin

December – To be announced

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Daughters of the King will continue their study of "St. Benedict's Tool Box" at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25th.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

A Christian Formation Spring Workshop will be held at Camp Allen on April 17th.

An introduction to biblical storytelling, *And the Word Became Flesh*, will be held at Camp Allen on Saturday, May 2nd, from 10:00-3:00. Kathy Culmer, Diocesan Mission Funding Coordinator, will lead the workshop. Cost of the workshop is \$20 per person. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please pickup a registration form from the office.

CENTERING PRAYER

The 7-Session Program of Centering Prayer at St. Paul's will have its final session on April 7 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

OUTREACH

ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION DAY

Howard Gruetzner and the Alzheimer's Association will host an education day at St. John's from 10:00-12:00 on Tuesday, April 14. If you or someone you know is dealing with caring for a loved one who suffers from Alzheimer's or dementia, please attend this meeting.

SAMARITAN HOUSE

Please join us at the Samaritan House on Wednesday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m. as we help Kenneth Drews and the staff of Samaritan House. Come for all or part of the time as you can. Of course, you can volunteer at the Samaritan House on any day that you are available. This is a great opportunity for service and outreach in the community.

OUTREACH COORDINATORS TRAINING

This year's Outreach Coordinators Training will offer effective ways to organize volunteers, funding tips for your outreach programs, overview of diocesan outreach programs and brainstorming innovative outreach efforts. There is a minimal registration fee of \$10 to help cover lunch. Training sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Morning Prayer and end at 1:30 p.m. To register contact Sally Rutherford, Diocesan Outreach Coordinator, at 1-800-318-4452. The training sessions are offered at the following locations:

May 2 – St. Richard's, Round Rock
May 16 – St. Cyprian's, Lufkin
June 6 – Episcopal High School, Houston

Outreach is a vital program. Cathy has been the Outreach Coordinator for St. John's, and has learned a great deal about various outreach programs. If you are interested in current outreach programs within our community or learning new ways to develop new programs or expand current programs, please consider attending this training.

FOOD FOR MARCH

Please bring macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Ramen noodles, fruit cups, pudding cups, and canned goods for our food outreach ministry to the Samaritan House.

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat . . ." Matthew 25:35

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Angel Food Ministries provides healthy, nutritionally balanced food to feed a family of four for a month. The cost for the Regular Box is \$30.00, which is a great savings over grocery store prices. The cost for the Senior/Convenience Box is \$28.00. Orders may be paid for by Food Stamps or cash. There are no qualification requirements to participate in Angel Food Ministries. The deadline to order through Angel Food Ministries is April 11, 2009. Orders may be placed at the Salvation Army. Pick up will be April 25, 2009 between 11:30-12:30 at Zion Hill Baptist Church.

The April Menu is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Faith, Hope & Charity will be hosting a Spring Fundraiser – turkey and dressing dinners – on Friday, April 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 each. No tickets will be sold at the door. The dinners may be picked up at the Parish Hall on April 3rd. If you would like to purchase tickets or sell tickets for this fundraiser, please contact Shirley at either 883-3004 or 804-0196 or contact the church office.

This is an important fundraiser for Faith, Hope & Charity. Net proceeds from the sale of the dinners will go into the building fund for Faith, Hope & Charity's new center.

EVENTS AND INFORMATION:

**Town Hall Meeting with Bishop Coadjutor Andy Doyle
Sunday, May 3, 2:30 p.m., St. Alban's,
Waco**

Meet Bishop Coadjutor Andy Doyle and learn a bit about our next bishop, add your voice to help set the course of our future ministry in the diocese and beyond.

Retirement Celebration for the Wimberlys

Saturday, June 6, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Camp Allen. \$50 per ticket for dinner, festivities, etc. Rooms are available for Friday and/or Saturday evening at a special rate of \$80 per room, which includes breakfast on Sunday morning.

Church History/Archives Project

The Church History/Archives Project will resume on Wednesday, April 15, at 4:00 p.m.

RELAY FOR LIFE – Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is scheduled for May 1-2, 6:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. at Marlin High School Legion Field. If you are interested in participating, in making a donation to the American Cancer Society, or purchasing a luminaria, the pamphlets are located on a table in the Parish Hall.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The St. John's Men's Association will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23rd.

YOUTH INFORMATION

Youth Ministry Conference – April 17 thru 19 at Camp Allen
2009 Christian Leadership Conference – June 22 thru 27 at St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Austin
Fliers are posted in the Parish Hall.
Encourage the youth in your family to be a part of one of these events.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 25th of each month

1Those for Whom our Prayers are Requested: Gary Evans, Alice Ferda, Horace Goodrich, Alice Madsen, Ronnie Oltorf, Steve Price, Te Andria Mason, Connie McLelland, Merrit Schumann, Iris Schumann, Mel Rodgers, Nina Leeth, Betty Maxey, Willie Null, Paula Wade (Polly Gaeke's daughter), Betty Goodrich, Dr. Harold and Margaret Clifton, Mena Nichols, Mary Winters, Dick Lewis, Louis Polchinski, Jack Wagner, Felma Branch, Mike Nehring, Billie Maxwell, Shirley King's sister, Robbiette White, Carla Collier, Joe Trice, Rev. David Kirkaldy, Samantha G. Tatum, Anne Burrough, Helen Marsh, Nancy Davis, Sandy Kleckner, Helen Erskine, Geneva Hughes, Charlise Brown, Vestal Cook, Betty Ramey, Bonnie Crothers, Dana Jones, Faye Lombardo, Deacon Michael Jackson, Corlie Jackson, Jared Jackson and Imani Jackson, Helen Appleberg, Clint Hegefelf, Rev. Bill Carroll, Ed Visser, Frank Goodrich, Linda Langley, Stella Cathy, Wanda Cole, Norman Erskine, Lauretta Wiebusch, Elizabeth Bales, Dyan Shelander, April Sammons, Kailen Harris, Pattie Pletzke, Gene Janes.

Please pray also for these who serve in our Armed Forces: Lyle Holley, John W. Sadler, Nicholas Tobias, Matthew Pyland, Brandon Henderson, Jarrod Means, the 126th Forward Surgical Team, Connor Owen, Jordan Gorraiz, Jim Steidley, Raymond Ramirez, Jr.

ENTERED INTO LIFE ETERNAL:

Charissa Goodrich, Tommy Goodrich, Emma Bethke Quiram, Eldridge Norman, H.T. Torgerson, Geraldine Miles
May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to family and friends.

MEMORIALS:

Anyone wishing to make a memorial should contact Jean Trice, chairperson in charge of memorials, 883-2611.

FLOWERS

April 5 – Palm Sunday
April 12 – Easter Lilies
April 19 – J.R. Taylor, Jr. IMO Bob and Frances Lewis
April 26 –

COFFEE HOSTESS

April 5 – Marge Schumann
April 12 – Kyla Smith
April 19 – Mary Smith
April 26 – Kyla Smith and Pattie Bosnack

APRIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:

April 8 – Margaret Padilla
April 11 – Nicole Estes
April 16 – Mike Meyer
April 20 – Chris Farmer
April 25 – Amanda Estes
April 27 – Frank Goodrich
“Grant, O Lord, that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
Amen

St. John’s Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Judy Filer
Vestry: Senior Warden, Joseph L. Owen
Junior Warden, Bill Forson
Mark Patterson
Louise Burton
Mary Smith
Cathy Owen, Clerk and Treasurer, Ex-Officio
Minister of Music: Sue Visser
Parish Administrator: Cathy Owen
Altar Guild Chair: Molly Walker

Altar Flowers Chair: Polly Gaeke
Memorial Chair: Jean Trice
ECW President: Pattie Bosnack

Cathy’s Corner:

This will be my last article for Cathy’s Corner. I have truly enjoyed my time as St. John’s Parish Administrator. I have been blessed and learned so much. I will truly miss each of you, and you will always be in my prayers. I will be coming back to Texas in October when my daughter has her baby, and I will be coming to see all of you. I’ll bring pictures!

Rev. Filer will be in the office from 10:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. You can also reach Judy at 254-776-4815 or 254-722-2013 or by email at jwfiler@aol.com.

LEADERSHIP:

“Nothing is easier than saying words. Nothing is harder than living them day after day.”

Arthur Gordon

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 3:00 Rev. Filer in office 5:30 pm Lenten Service	2 11:00 am Clericus Christ Church Temple	3	4 8:00 am Marlin Ministerial
5 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE I Palm Sunday	6	7	8 10:00-12:00 Samaritan House Rev. Filer in office 5:00 pm Prayer and Healing <i>Margaret Padilla B'day</i>	9 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday	10 Noon Good Friday 6:00 pm Good Friday	11 <i>Nicole Estes B'day</i>
12 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II Easter Sunday	13	14 10:00-12:00 Alzheimer's Education Day	15 12:00 Rev. Filer in office 5:00 pm Prayer and Healing	16 <i>Mike Meyer B'day</i>	17 Christian Formation Spring Workshop	18 Financial Services Workshop
19 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II 12:00 Vestry 4:00 pm Ultreya St. Christopher's Killeen	20 <i>Chris Farmer B'day</i>	21	22 12:00 Rev. Filer in office 5:00 pm Prayer and Healing	23 6:00 pm Men's Association <i>Cathy and Joe's last day</i>	24 Bi-Vo Priests Clericus	25 8:30 am Kairos <i>Amanda Estes B'day</i>
26 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HEII	27 <i>Frank Goodrich B'day</i>	28	29 12:00 Rev. Filer in office 5:00 pm Prayer and Healing	30		

APRIL LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 5, 2009:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Louise Burton
2nd Lesson: Mark Patterson
Chalice: Diana Miles
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Ushers: Mike Meyer and George Wilson
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Mary Smith
Hostess: Marge Schumann
Flowers: Palm Sunday
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina
Henderson and Desiree Smith

April 9, 2009 – Maundy Thursday:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Jean Visser
2nd Lesson: Polly Gaeke
Intercessor: Louise Burton
Chalice: Cathy Owen
Acolyte: Joe Owen
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Stripping of the Altar: St. John's Altar Guild
Ushers: Sam Bosnack and George Wilson

April 12, 2009:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Bill Forson
2nd Lesson: George Wilson
Intercessor: Megan Henderson
Chalice: Louise Burton and Jean Trice
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Joe Owen
Ushers: Mike Ferda, III and John Hall
Altar Guild: Molly Walker and Pat Smith
Hostess: Kyla Smith
Flowers: Easter Lilies
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina
Henderson and Desiree Smith

April 19, 2009:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Cathy Owen
2nd Lesson: Joe Owen
Intercessor: Troy Henderson
Chalice: Polly Gaeke
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Ushers: Troy Henderson and Bill Forson
Altar Guild: Kate VandeVeegaete and
Cathy Owen
Hostess: Mary Smith
Flowers: J.R. Taylor, Jr. IMO Bob and
Frances Lewis
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina
Henderson and Desiree Smith

April 26, 2009:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Polly Gaeke
2nd Lesson: Bobby Peterson
Intercessor: Carl Evans
Chalice: Kate VandeVeegaete
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Ushers: Sam Bosnack and Steve Price
Altar Guild: Molly Walker and Libby Price
Hostess: Kyla Smith and Pattie Bosnack
Flowers:
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina
Henderson