

THE EAGLE'S QUILL

ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 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*

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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.

Dear Ones,

We are headed already into the second month of 2009, the month that celebrates love on Valentine's Day, and the month that will bring us to the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009. There will be some differences in our Lenten observances this year. Watch for a Mardi Gras party on Tuesday evening, February 24th. Volunteers are needed to plan and host the party; the sign up sheet is in the parish hall. On February 25th, we will have two Ash Wednesday services; one at noon and the other at 6:00 p.m. Both will be followed by a soup supper, prepared and served, for a change, by your pastor.

As we had the topic of hope for Advent, Christmastide, and Epiphany, so this year Lent will have a topic of its own based on the 14th Chapter of John, verse 12: (to) "love one another as I have loved you." What does it mean to love one another in the way that Jesus demonstrated his love for his contemporaries? What does it mean to love as a disciple of Christ in the year 2009? This topic will be covered in sermons and in Wednesday night classes beginning on March 4th at 5:00 p.m. They will continue on March 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st. We will begin in the church with a short evening service. We will then go the parish hall for a simple soup dinner and Lenten classes. The dinners for those nights will be provided by three parish volunteers, as suggested at the Annual Meeting. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

I pray that we will experience a holy Lenten season as we continue through our 149th year. May God richly bless St. John's parish.

In His love,
Judy

SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m.

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Shrove Tuesday – February 24 at 6:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday – February 25 at 12:00 Noon and 6:00 p.m.
March 4 – Lenten Study and Soup Dinner following Prayer Service at 5:00 p.m.
March 11 – Lenten Study and Soup Dinner Prayer Service at 5:00 p.m.
March 18 – Lenten Study and Soup Dinner Prayer Service at 5:00 p.m.
March 25 – Lenten Study and Soup Dinner Prayer Service at 5:00 p.m.
April 1 – Lenten Study and Soup Dinner following Prayer Service at 5:00 p.m.
April 9 – Maundy Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
April 10 – Good Friday at 12:00 Noon and 6:00 p.m.

VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 22nd.

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.texascurso.org.

2009 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

#223 February 19-22

#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:

February 8 – St. Paul's, Waco

March 8 – To be announced

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

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Daughters of the King will begin their study of "St. Benedict's Tool Box" at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 8th.

Good Shepherd, Tomball will be hosting a Quiet Day on Saturday, February 7 from 8:30-2:00. The program is entitled "In His Hands-God as the Potter," with Rachel Norris will be the guest speaker. Cost is \$5.00. Please RSSVP to Amy at 281-351-1609 by February 5.

The DOK Spring Assembly will be held in Austin at St. Matthew's on February 20-21. The theme will be "*Blessings and Brothers*" *Being Part of a Religious Order*. Rev. Mike Gemignani, the DOK Diocesan Chaplin, will celebrate and preach at the opening service Friday. Rev. Canon Ann Normand, Canon to the Ordinary, will be the keynote speaker on Saturday. If you wish to attend, please pick up a registration form from the office.

CENTERING PRAYER

A 7-Session Program of Centering Prayer will begin on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Waco. The cost is \$25.00 and includes a textbook and light lunch on February 28. The other six sessions will be held at St. Paul's on the next six Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7.

ECW

A 2009 Spiritual Growth Retreat, "Getting Closer to God Through Trials" is scheduled for March 13-14 at Camp Allen. Rev. Bobbie Knowles is the guest speaker. The cost is \$100 for single occupancy, \$90 per person for double occupancy, \$45 for Saturday only. There are 7 scholarships available through the Diocesan ECW. For a scholarship, contact Ginny Reinhardt at 903-581-0283.

OUTREACH

SAMARITAN HOUSE

Please join us at the Samaritan House on Wednesday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m. as we help Kenneth Drews and the staff of Samaritan House. At noon we will return to the church for lunch. Come for all or part of the time as you can. This is a great opportunity for service.

FOOD FOR FEBRUARY

Please bring macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Ramen noodles, and canned goods for our food outreach ministry to the Marlin Salvation Army.

"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 February 14, 2009. Orders may be placed at the Salvation Army. Pick up will be February 28, 2009 between 11:30-12:30 at Zion Hill Baptist Church.

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

FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY – HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

Shirley King will take the children of Faith, Hope & Charity to see the Harlem Globetrotters on the evening of February 3rd. This year Shirley has obtained the use of a school bus for the trip into Waco. This is always a fun event, and the children enjoy it very much. If you can assist Shirley as a chaperone, please call her at either 883-3004 or 804-0196.

EVENTS AND INFORMATION:

Church History/Archives Project

We will be compiling photographs, articles, etc., for a Church History/Archives Project. We will meet on each Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm to work on the church archives scrapbook. If you have any

pictures you would like to add to the albums, please label with names and year if possible. Also, if you have any interesting stories that relate to a particular photo, please share those. We will use our archives project as part of our sesquicentennial celebration in 2010. Join us on Wednesday afternoons and share a cup of hot tea or coffee as we preserve St. John's history.

Abundant Living Conference – Camp Allen

The Abundant Living Conference, "Staying Well – Living Longer" will be March 2-4 at Camp Allen. The double occupancy rate is \$200; the single occupancy is \$245. You can register online at www.campallen.org or by contacting Lauren Day at 936-825-7175.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

A Pre-Lent Retreat especially designed for Christian Formation leaders will be at Camp Allen on February 19th from 10:00 to 3:00. The cost for the retreat is \$15.00. The deadline for registration is February 12.

MISSION WACO'S ANNUAL "UrBanquet" Ministry Festival

The "UrBanquet" will be on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, from 6:00-8:15 p.m. in Chisholm Hall at the Waco Convention Center. This will be a buffet dinner, and the dress is casual. St. John's has bought a table and seats are available. Please let the office know if you would like to come for a good program and free dinner.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The St. John's Men's Association will resume their monthly meetings, and this month's meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26th. This first meeting will be a time for fellowship and a scheduling meeting to discuss events for the remainder of the year. The menu will be casual – hot dogs with all the fixings, beans, chips, dessert.

YOUTH INFORMATION

Intermediate Retreat for Grades 4-6 – February 27 thru March 1 at Camp Allen

Junior High Retreat for Grades 6-8 – February 27 thru March 1 at Camp Allen

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, Candace Hill, Alice Madsen, Ronnie Oltorf, Steve Price, Te Andria Mason, Connie McLelland, Merrit Schumann, Iris Schumann, Charissa Goodrich, Mel Rodgers, Nina Leeth, Betty Maxey, Willie Null, Paula Wade (Polly Gaeke's daughter), H.T. Torgerson, Tommy and Betty Goodrich, Dr. Harold and Margaret Clifton, Mena Nichols, Mary Winters, Marilee Painter, Dick Lewis, Louis Polchinski, Jack Wagner, Loretta Bird, Felma Branch, Mike Nehring, Billie Maxwell, Shirley King's sister, Robbiette White, Carla Collier, Joe Trice, Rev. David Kirkaldy, Samantha G. Tatum, Priscilla Feuerbacher, Anne Burrough, Helen Marsh, Nancy Davis, Sandy Kleckner, Helen Erskine, Carolyn Wells, Billie Moore, Geneva Hughes, Charlise Brown, Bridgette Hollingsworth, Vestal Cook, Teddy Peterson, Betty Ramey, Bonnie Crothers, Dana Jones, Elridge Norman, Faye Lombardo, Deacon Michael Jackson, Corlie Jackson, Jared Jackson and Imani Jackson, Helen Applegate, Clint Hegefelf, Mary Seebach, Herman Scheef, Gary Mason, Sandra Goldsby, Rev. Bill Carroll, Ed Visser, Rt. Rev. Don Wimberly, Frank Goodrich, Linda Langley, Diane Dakin, Stella Cathy, Wanda Cole, Norman Erskine, Loretta Wiebusett, Sam Bosnack, Pattie Bosnack, Mike Norlie.

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, Conner Owen, Jordan Gorraiz.

ENTERED INTO LIFE ETERNAL:

Sam Janes (Ron Janes' father and Lucy Pyland's cousin); **Adele Darrington**

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.

FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

February 1 – Polly Gaeke ITF 75 years of blessings
February 15 – Mike Ferda, IHO Alice Ferda's birthday

February 22 – Louise Burton IMO Edwin Burton
If you wish to request flowers for St. John's altar, contact Polly Gaeke, chairperson, phone number 584-4464.

COFFEE HOSTESS

February 1 – The Gaeke Family
February 8 – Cathy Estes
February 15 – Megan Henderson
February 22 – Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:

February 1 – Polly Gaeke
February 6 – Cathy Owen
February 9 – Sophia Henderson
February 13 – Howard Lee Smith
February 22 – Betty Goodrich
February 27 – Rev. Judy Filer
"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:

2009 – a new year full of promise and hope! The office is becoming more and more organized, and things are running smoothly. St. John's is beginning to grow, and with the influx of people when the new hospital opens, has an opportunity to grow even more. St. John's is stepping out more into the community through more outreach and joint services with other area churches. Confirmations

are listed on this year's church calendar, as well as a visit from Bishop Doyle, and there are increasing opportunities for us to serve within the church.

Every day is so precious and new; may we use each one wisely and for God's purpose.

Note new hours: Rev. Filer will be in the office on Wednesdays from 12:00-6:00 and on the second Wednesday of this month from 10:00-4:00. Beginning Ash Wednesday, she will be in the office from 1:00 p.m. through dinner and the Lenten Lesson. You can also reach Judy at 254-776-4815 or 254-722-2013 or by email at jwfiler@aol.com.

LEADERSHIP:

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II <i>Polly Gaeke</i> <i>B'day</i>	2	3 6:00-8:15 pm UrBanquet	4 12:00 Rev. Filer in office 4:00 Archives 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service	5 11:00 am Clericus St. Alban's Waco	6 <i>Cathy Owen</i> <i>B'day</i>	7 8:00 am Marlin Ministerial
8 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II 11:00 am DOK 4:00 pm Ultreya St. Paul's, Waco	9 <i>Sophia</i> <i>Henderson</i> <i>B'day</i>	10	11 10:00-12:00 Samaritan House Rev. Filer in office 4:00 Archives 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service	12	13 Diocesan Council <i>Howard Lee</i> <i>Smith B'day</i>	14 Diocesan Council Deadline to order Angel Food
15 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II	16	17	18 12:00 Rev. Filer in office 4:00 Archives 5:00 pm Prayer & Healing Service	19 Rev. Filer Out of town Cursillo #223 Pre-Lent Retreat Camp Allen	20 Rev. Filer Out of town DOK Spring Assembly St. Matthew's Austin Cursillo #223	21 Rev. Filer Out of town DOK Spring Assembly St. Matthew's Austin Cursillo #223
22 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am HE II Rev. Stephanie Linscott 11:00 am Vestry <i>Betty</i> <i>Goodrich</i> <i>B'day</i>	23	24 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday	25 12:00 Noon Ash Wednesday Service Soup Lunch 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service Soup Dinner	26	27 <i>Rev. Judy Filer</i> <i>B'day</i>	28 Kairos Meeting Deadline to pick up Angel Food

FEBRUARY LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 1, 2009:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Bobby Peterson
2nd Lesson: Sherri Patterson
Intercessor: Megan Henderson
Chalice: Louise Burton
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Ushers: Troy Henderson and Sam Bosnack
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Mary Smith
Hostess: The Gaeke Family
Flowers: Polly Gaeke
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

February 8, 2009:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Cathy Owen
2nd Lesson: Diana Miles
Intercessor: Pam Williams
Chalice: Jean Trice
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Joe Owen
Ushers: Mike Ferda, III and John Hall
Altar Guild: Molly Walker and Pat Smith
Hostess: Cathy Estes
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

February 15, 2009:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Mark Patterson
2nd Lesson: Jean Trice
Intercessor: Bobby Peterson
Chalice: Diana Miles
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Ushers: Mike Meyer and George Wilson
Altar Guild: Kate VandeVeegaete and Cathy Owen
Hostess: Megan Henderson
Flowers: Mike Ferda, III
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith

February 22, 2009:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Joe Owen
2nd Lesson: Pat Smith
Intercessor: Kate VandeVeegaete
Chalice: Polly Gaeke
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Joe Owen
Ushers: Bill Forson and Steve Price
Altar Guild: Molly Walker and Libby Price
Hostess: Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack
Flowers: Louise Burton
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina Henderson

March 1, 2009:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Jean Trice
2nd Lesson: Kyla Smith
Intercessor: Pam Williams
Chalice: Louise Burton
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Ushers: Troy Henderson and Sam Bosnack
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Mary Smith
Hostess: Cathy Owen
Flowers: Lent
Children's Ministry Workers: Shaina Henderson and Desiree Smith