



# The Angelus

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## FROM THE DEAN Life and Lyrics

A custom I experienced as a young adult in Scandinavia involved singing songs to honor a special occasion. On a birthday or anniversary, at a baptism, confirmation, or wedding, songs would be written to mark the day.

All the guests present would be handed the words. Often these were hand lettered. The person who wrote the poetic tribute or someone known for musical ability, led the singing. He or she would call out the tune, usually a folk song, popular melody or hymn tune. And, all would sing.

Often there was laughter and smiling as the homespun and sometimes highly literate lyrics were vocalized. These special songs were full of amusing and clever references to the person and local community. Through them one could learn a lot about the person and the essence of the occasion. To adapt a line from a marriage hymn, those lyrics created a time for love to “go deep between us all.”

When football was over on Sunday evening this past Thanksgiving weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, with the aid of Google Fiber I tuned into a kind-of-historic event. It was the final hours of a sixty-hour hymn marathon. The program was titled “The Hymn Book: Minute by Minute.” Each one of the 899 hymns of the new hymn book of the Church of Norway, *Salmeboka*, was sung. No verses were omitted (a hard and fast custom Lutherans share with Anglicans). I came in on this marathon as the hymns for evening were being sung.

In order to introduce their newly published hymn book, musicians and choirs from all over Norway and even one beamed in from Decorah, Iowa, sang. In two and a half days, non-stop — and in shifts, they praised and pleaded their way through a church year and two thousand years of Christian tradition — even yet older given our Jewish roots.

Based out of the ancient Our Lady’s Church in Trondheim, this “worship program” was a nation-wide event. It included interviews with musicians and clergy, featured more than two-hundred participating choirs, and a diverse array of solo vocalists. Among several brilliant bows to technology throughout the broadcast, a steady stream of “tweets” from listeners from around the world coursed across the television monitor.

For the fifty or so hymns worth of marathon I sat and listened to, I was deeply moved. It was a global community event, and it was good church.

One of the more effective ways for learning faith and passing it on to a next generation is through the songs we sing. This certainly has its parallels. Popular songs capture our moods and concerns. They often characterize an era. We internalize and are shaped by the songs we sing. As with hymns in hymnals and top hits, some songs survive, others are dropped as tastes and needs change. Yet in every age, songs feed our spirits and draw us closer to one another and to the Divine.

In this new year of grace I ask you to join the party and get with the singing! Even if you do not sing, pick up a hymnal when you are in church. Read the words as others sing for you. Those words and tunes make life that much more liveable, faith that much more deeply rooted. They can delight us and stir up our souls, even cause us to smile. Experience life in lyrics that speak to every occasion!

With songs in my heart,

—Peter

## Treasurer's Report

Through November, Income was slightly below the Budgeted amount on a YTD basis as pledge receipts came in slower than expectations. These expectations were developed based on the pattern of pledge payments last year. This pledge shortfall was partially offset by better than projected income from the Endowment. Expenses on a YTD basis through November were higher than budgeted mostly due to higher property and utility expenses caused by last year's severe winter.

Therefore the Cathedral's ability to achieve a balanced

budget for 2014 depends heavily on strong pledge income for December. In essence, the Cathedral can handle a bad winter or slow pledge receipts, but it can not overcome both in the same year.

As always, members of the congregation are asked to prayerfully consider their financial support of the Cathedral.

—Chuck Ritter, Treasurer

	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$ 1,515,832	\$ 1,509,071
Expenses	\$ 1,547,019	\$ 1,553,696
Net Total	\$ (31,187)	\$ (44,625)

## Welcome to the Cathedral: Newcomer Gathering

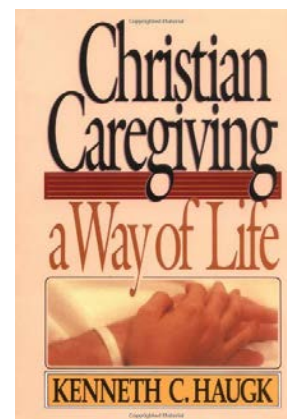
Sunday, January 18 • 11:45 a.m.

Are you new to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral? Would you like to learn more about the Cathedral and the many ways you can connect with others? If so, please join us at our next Newcomer Gathering Sunday, January 18, following the 10:15 worship service. We gather for refreshments and conversation in a break-out room in Founders' Hall. You will have an opportunity to meet other newcomers, ministry leaders, and clergy. Regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome. We look forward to meeting you and sharing more about GHTC. For more information, please contact the Rev. Christy Dorn, [cdorn@kccathedral.org](mailto:cdorn@kccathedral.org) or 816-474-8260, ext. 152.

## Live It!

"I believe it, but do I live it?" Christianity is more than a set of beliefs; it is a way of life. If our beliefs do not affect our living, what good are they? So, how do we live what we believe?

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral is offering a new class that will address that question and help you find some answers, using the book *Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life* by Kenneth Haugk as our study tool. Dr. Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, is the founder of the Stephen Series system of lay caring ministry.



Leaders: The Rev. Christy Dorn and Karen Kissinger

To register, contact [cdorn@kccathedral.org](mailto:cdorn@kccathedral.org) or 816-474-8260, or register online at [kccathedral.org](http://kccathedral.org).

Meets: weekly for 10 weeks

**Daytime option:** Thursdays, January 8–March 12, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., or **Evening option:** Tuesdays, January 6–March 10, 6:30–8 p.m.

Location: GHTC Common Room

Cost: \$5.00



### Family Ministry Lunch and Program: Visioning for Children's Ministry

**Sunday, January 4 • 11:45 a.m. • Haden Hall**

Enjoy lunch and King Cake to celebrate Epiphany. Our Dean will join us for conversation as we talk about what's on the horizon for Children's Ministry at the Cathedral.

### Godly Play Sessions Begin

**Sunday, January 4, during the 10:15 a.m. service**

These sessions are designed for children ages 3-5, but all children are welcome to attend. Children should sit with their families in the Nave; they will process out with their leaders after the Collect of the Day. In January, Godly Play will meet on January 4 and 25. During subsequent months, we will meet on the second and fourth Sundays. On Sundays when Godly Play does not meet, children ages 4-9 are invited to Children's Chapel, while children age 3 and younger are welcome in the Nursery.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**FAMILY CAMP, MAY 29 – 31, 2015**

Heartland Presbyterian Center, Parkville, MO

Watch this space for more information about our first ever Family Camp Weekend. All are welcome as space is available.

## St. Nicholas Visits

Delighted children and adults received gifts of candy and treats from St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 7.



## BackSnack in December

Cathedral volunteers packed 1,264 BackSnacks, and 316 family bags to distribute to five schools across three districts!



## Annual Meeting: January 25

11:45 a.m. • Founders' Hall

At the annual meeting we:

- celebrate some of our amazing ministries and those individuals who make them possible.
- honor Vestry members who are completing terms & elect new Vestry members.
- share written reports: 2014 financial reports, the 2015 budget, and summaries of various programs and mission activities.
- gather as a parish family of all ages to celebrate Eucharist, share a meal, give thanks for the blessings we have known as a community in the last year and celebrate the wondrous opportunities the Lord Christ places before us.

Nursery care is provided throughout the celebration.

We look forward to this time together and look forward to seeing you at this parish celebration!

**Vestry candidates will be announced  
in early January 2015.**

## Revolution in Mission

Dean's Forum • Sundays, January 11-February 15

9:15 a.m. • Common Room

Would you like to do something to change a life and perhaps change the world? Do you come to the Cathedral because it does "outreach?" Are you looking to put faith into action? Revolution in Mission is for you!

For six Sundays we'll use short segments of a recent video presentation by Bishop Stacy Sauls to hear about some lively domestic and global mission initiatives. A number of very creative ways of reaching out to people in need and who live on the edges of society have sprung up recently through Episcopal congregations. These will be a springboard for reviewing what we already do, and, a time to vision new possibilities.

Doing mission is in the water. Way back in 1835 the Episcopal Church meeting in General Convention adopted the title for the whole church of "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society"! By virtue of his or her baptism every member belongs to this society. The Cathedral congregation sponsored a Well Baby station for decades, and it gave birth to the Kansas City Community Kitchen. We support the Birthing Center in Haiti and numerous area outreach efforts through our mission. What might we add to work like this?

Come, see, and build the vision!

# December Flowers, to the Glory of God ...

## December 7

- in thanksgiving for the birthday of Leslie Branton Hoffecker  
— Shawsie Branton

## December 14

- in thanksgiving for birthday of Brad McLeroy  
— Ron & Caroline McLeroy

## Christmas 2014



### In Thanksgiving For

The Very Reverend Peter Deveau and Mary Deveau,  
Nancy Cavanaugh, Erika and Kevin Sweeney, Andrew  
Rich, Candy and Bud McDowell by Vangie Rich  
Our children and grandchildren by Ellen and Brent Spake  
Lathrop Gates, Clinton and Dorry Gates by Kirkland  
and Kathy Gates

Jay, Alden, Emily and Dan by Gene McLaughlin  
Our daughter, Noel, and our grandson, Gordon, by  
Harry and Pat Miller

God's gifts and blessings by Sara Gaggens  
Bob, Tara, Patrick, Ryan, and Caroline Bennett  
by Dick Fickle

Celebration of Christmas by Judith and Family  
Our children and grandchildren by Paget and  
Tom Higgins

Our children and grandchildren by Ron and  
Carolyn McLeroy

Health and prosperity by Elmer C. Binford, II  
By Richard and Anne Morse  
By Marnell Sparks

All blessings by The Rev. Dr. Dennis B. Morgan  
My children, Melisa and Scott; and grandchildren, Erik,  
Sean and Nathan by Patricia Burns

Hannah Woolley, Luke Woolley, Emma Lane, and  
Ashby Lane by Pat and Kay Woolley

My loving wife Phyllis by Jim Shaffer

The Cathedral clergy and staff by Barbara Bucker  
For our son and daughter-in-law, and for the Cathedral  
congregation by Peter and Mary DeVeau

By Mukeyeva Asel

Our Savior Christ

By John and Lucy Richards

### In Memory Of

The Very Reverend J. Earl Cavanaugh, Betty and Harold  
Phillips by Vangie Rich

Richard Preis by Alvin Schneider

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert E. Trapp

Our parents by John and Ellen Goheen

Thomas and Sally Wood by Patty and Tom Wood

Charles E. Curran, Joan Curran, Leland Schmidt and

Ralph Deems by Doug and Terri Curran

Betty, Berry, and Douglas by Gene McLaughlin

Florence and Harry Hall by Kay Sloan

George J. Gutknecht by R. Richmond

Elvarea and William Fickle by Dick Fickle  
Timothy A.B. Richards by Judith and Family  
Marilyn Lacey McMullen

Lynn McLeroy and Max McLeroy by Ron and  
Carolyn McLeroy

Loyd, Hazel, Jerry and Don Smith, and Frank, Mary and  
Augusta Fanolio

Billie N. Wallace by Herman Wallace

Our parents, Ted and Martha Iott, Sabino Bilotta, Nick  
and Elynor Baresi by Bev and Larry Bilotta

Josephine Langworthy Morgan by

The Rev. Dr. Dennis B. Morgan

The Link Family by Marlene Link

Fred Leive by Pat Leive

Newt Lewis, Guy and Lena Lewis, Anne and Clarence Hansen  
by Gordon Hansen

The Burke Family by Beverly Burke

Luther Crocker by Friends

Calvin Hillhouse by Brent Adrian Barr

Wreaths on Tower doors, given in memory of

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wood, Sr.



## Giving a Memorial Gift of Flowers or Candles

Memorials are *not* covered by your annual pledging but are special gifts, given by individuals who want to acknowledge special events or people in their lives. Memorial gifts can be flowers, door wreaths, or candles and are usually given in *honor of, thanksgiving for, or in memory of, a loved one or a special occasion*. There are many ways to give these gifts.

Our website allows you to sign up and even pay by credit card. You may sign our annual Flower Chart found in Founders Hall and you will be contacted by mail regarding your gift. You may call or contact Janet Sweeting by phone or e-mail and give your memorial information. Our flower line (816-474-8260 ext.103) is available to take messages 24 hours a day.

These gifts are accepted throughout the year and are acknowledged each week in the service bulletin and monthly in *The Angelus* but may be kept anonymous if so desired. When writing a check or giving cash, please annotate the envelope or check “flowers” or “candles” for flowers or candles and you will be contacted regarding your gift. Because you are making a memorial to the Cathedral, this tax-deductible gift will be included in your quarterly contribution statement.

**If you would like to set up an annual memorial gift on or closest to the same dates each year, simply contact Janet Sweeting, 816-474-8260 ext. 144 or [jsweeting@kccathedral.org](mailto:jsweeting@kccathedral.org), to set up a notice of annual memorial. You will be contacted by mail or phone each year to confirm each memorial gift for that year.**

Please contact Janet Sweeting if you have any questions or go to [kccathedral.org/flowers](http://kccathedral.org/flowers) for more information.



## The Way is for you if...

- You would like to explore what it means to follow Christ
- You would like to explore and know more about the Episcopal Church
- You are new to the Cathedral, and desire baptism or would like to grow in faith
- You have been around Church for a long time, and would like to renew your journey of faith

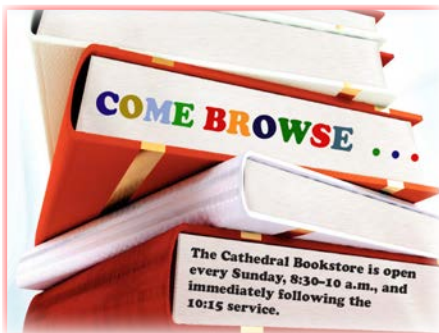
**The Way**, or catechumenate, is a process for faith formation and spiritual growth for adults. The word "catechumenate" comes from a Greek word, and has deep roots in Christianity going back to the second and third centuries.

Community and sharing is at the center of **The Way**. Each session begins with a simple evening meal, table conversations, sharing of different questions concerning Christianity and the Episcopal Church, and a small group Bible reflection and discussion. The focus is on experiencing faith in everyday life, living Baptism each day, and concludes with quiet reflection and prayer.

**The Way** is on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

## Questions?

Contact the Dean's office: 816-474-8260 or [theway@kccathedral.org](mailto:theway@kccathedral.org).



**T**hank you to all those who patronized the Cathedral's Bookstore this past year. Visit us in 2015 as we continue to grow this important ministry.

## *Poor Lear* at GHTC

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral will present *Poor Lear* as a benefit for the Greater Kansas City Homeless Services Coalition on February 12 at 2 p.m. *Poor Lear* is a one-man, one-hour adaptation of Shakespeare's *King Lear* performed by Alan Tilson. The play is a contemporary retelling with King Lear as a veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder and a grocery cart of props who, with his companion, Fool, reenacts the conflict with his daughters that led to his homelessness.

# Moravian Lovefeast 2014



## Why We Hold a Lovefeast

This is the third year we offered this Moravian Lovefeast as part of our keeping of Advent and Christmas. We hold this Lovefeast the Fourth Sunday of Advent: In thanksgiving for full communion between the Episcopal Church and the Northern and Southern Provinces of the Moravian Church in North America; With the hope that it might minister to any Moravians in "diaspora" in Kansas City where there is no organized Moravian congregation; As an opportunity for quiet and peaceful reflection as we move from Advent into Christmas; And, simply to worship and give thanks to God.



# Lenten Series 2015

We are happy to announce that Glenn Young from Rockhurst University will be with us to lead our Lenten Series in 2015. He has been selected by the students at Rockhurst three years in a row as outstanding Professor of the Year. He has taught at the Cathedral before and was enthusiastically received. Please make plans now to attend. For more information contact Jerry Grabher, [jgrabher@kccathedral.org](mailto:jgrabher@kccathedral.org) or 816-590-6205. Watch upcoming publications for more details.



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## The Angelus

Submissions from parishioners and small groups are welcome and encouraged. All entries are requested by the 15th day of the month prior to publication by e-mail to [communications@kccathedral.org](mailto:communications@kccathedral.org).

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## Weekly Activities

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation  
 9:30 a.m. Youth Formation  
 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel  
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### Monday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

### Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
 2:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 5:45 p.m. The Tallis Singers  
 6:00 p.m. The Way (begins Jan. 7)  
 6:15 p.m. Grace Choraliers  
 6:45 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group

### Thursday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 1:30 p.m. Centering Prayer  
 6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers  
 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir

### Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## Activities for January

### 1 • THURSDAY

Offices closed for the Holiday

### 2 • FRIDAY

Offices closed for the Holiday

### 4 • SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Family Ministry Lunch

### 6 • TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. Christian Caregiving Class

### 8 • TUESDAY

10 a.m. Christian Caregiving Class

### 14 • WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

### 15 • THURSDAY

7 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. John's Deanery

### 17 • SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. KC Men's Choral Leadership Fest.

### 18 • SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Formation Lunch: Lent Planning

11:45 a.m. Newcomer Gathering  
 3:30 p.m. Rule of Benedict Deanery  
 5:00 p.m. Evensong

### 19 • MONDAY

Offices closed for MLK Day

### 21 • WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. Mark's Deanery

### 25 • SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Annual Meeting

## Coming Next Month

Feb. 1 Family Ministry Lunch

Feb. 7 Absalom Jones Service

Feb. 15 Stage Presentation: "Poor Lear"  
 Evensong

Feb. 16 Presidents' Day — Offices Closed

Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday