



The Angelus

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FROM THE DEAN

Strength in Vulnerability

The morning of Halloween, October 31, I witnessed history in the making. This is an event I would have missed had I not been sitting in a hospital room with discretionary time before going to Physical Therapy. Via Swedish Television on the internet I watched live from Lund Cathedral in Sweden, as the president of the Lutheran World Federation and Pope Francis opened the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by signing a document to define and guide the Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017. The document signed by Pope Francis and Bishop Munib A. Younan, of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, contains five imperatives for ecumenical interaction and dialogue. The first imperative declares: “Catholics and Lutherans should always begin from the perspective of unity and not from the point of view of division in order to strengthen what is held in common even though the differences are more easily seen and experienced.”

What occurred to me as these two leaders signed the five imperatives contained in the document titled, “From Conflict to Communion” is how the spirit of the first imperative speaks to our times. The signing event took place during the last week of frenzied

rhetoric before the 2016 Presidential Election. A call to focus on what unites us, not what divides, is always a good starting point. It is certainly a perspective we need now in light of those national elections.

In the days since watching the Pope sign the agreement acknowledging a need for Christian unity before the altar in a Protestant church in predominantly secular Sweden, I realized that what contributed to this critical moment was not only the movement of the Holy Spirit, but also how in Post-Christian Europe the only power the Church has is the gospel of Jesus Christ. There are no longer vast stores of wealth and political power at stake as there were at the time of the Reformation. What remains is the credible authority of the good news that prompted Paul to write to the conflicted Church in Corinth, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Corinthians 12:8b

It is perhaps time for us to focus on the uniting power of living into Christ’s death and resurrection, a strength that is shown in making oneself vulnerable. Let this seeming weakness be our power and our strength.

—Peter

Thank you!

Thank you all for the wonderful cards, notes, prayers, flowers, meals, calls and well wishes we have received since Peter had his stroke in mid-October. Your thoughtfulness in caring is truly therapeutic and balm for the soul.

Things are progressing well. Peter is looking forward to the day he can return to ministry at the Cathedral.

With gratitude,
Peter and Mary DeVeau

For pastoral needs, please contact Canon Christy Dorn at cdorn@kccathedral.org or 913-549-7178.

For other issues, please contact Cathedral Administrator Julie Toma at jtoma@kccathedral.org or 816-474-8260 ext. 106.



Treasurer's Report

Grace & Holy Trinity's Financial Status As of November 2016

November	2016 MTD	2015 MTD
Income	\$ 131,871	\$ 90,290
Expenses	\$ 149,154	\$ 127,774
Net Total	\$ (17,283)	\$ (37,484)

	2016 YTD	2015 YTD
Income	\$ 1,397,358	\$ 1,371,891
Expenses	\$ 1,413,525	\$ 1,374,111
Net Total	\$ (16,167)	\$ (2,220)

Income in October of this year exceeded last year's income due to the early receipt of a distribution from a recurring bequest. That early distribution offset lower pledge payments in October of this year. Expenses were higher in October than last year due to early payments to pension plans and higher property repairs. On balance, the Cathedral had a smaller deficit this October.

The early distribution from the recurring bequest and the lower pledge payments affected the YTD numbers as well. The net of these offsetting items was that Income temporarily looks better than last year. This in turn helped pay for higher property and utility expenses this year. In summary, the deficit at the Cathedral was modest through October and well within normal variability.

However, as we enter the final months of the year it is vitally important that pledge payments pick up. Receipts from pledge are now trailing those of last year and the Cathedral's mission depends upon the financial support of the Congregation. Parishioners are asked to prayerfully remember to fulfill their 2016 pledges.

—Chuck Ritter, Treasurer

Vestry Nominations Sought

At the Annual Meeting of the congregation on January 29, 2017, four members of the Cathedral Vestry will be elected. The Vestry oversees the temporal affairs of the Cathedral parish. It works closely with the Dean in guiding the life and ministry of the Cathedral. Meetings are held 10 times a year, usually on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and regular attendance is essential.

Nominees for Vestry should be committed parishioners who

- regularly attend Sunday Eucharist;
- participate in the life of the parish; and
- have been pledging members of the Cathedral for at least six months prior to the election.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another parishioner, you may submit that person's name via email to vestry@kccathedral.org no later than December 15, 2016. (Before nominating someone else, please discuss the matter with that person first.) The nominating committee will evaluate potential candidates and publish a slate in late December or early January.



Many Thanks

The weekend of November 11, 12 and 13 was a most joyous time. Especially wonderful were the program and reception on Sunday afternoon. Many, many thanks to all who organized and presented their unique offerings and to all who attended. Your generosity of spirit and outpouring of love made me very happy indeed. THANK YOU!

—Canon John Schaefer



**Come to
Trinity Children's Choir!**
Elementary school singers welcome.
Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
NO REHEARSAL—Sunday, Nov. 27
REHEARSAL—Sundays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18
Sing for 5 p.m. worship—Sat., Dec. 24

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Upcoming Music Events

Friday, December 2 • 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 3 • 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 4 • 3 p.m.

MESNER PUPPET THEATER PRESENTS *THE NATIVITY*

This celebrated annual spectacle comes alive again this December! Come see beautiful, seven-foot puppets gracefully move through the aisles of the historic cathedral with live musical and choral accompaniment. A cast of over forty puppeteers bring these larger-than-life Biblical characters to life. These are ticketed performances. Please visit mesnerpuppets.org.



Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.

THE KANSAS CITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PRESENTS *BAROQUE AND CLASSICAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS*

A candlelight tradition guaranteed to put you in a festive spirit.

For tickets visit kcchamberorchestra.org.



Monday, December 12 at 11:30 a.m.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE PRESENTS *THE CITY COME AGAIN*

William Jewell College's gift, in words and music, to the city, featuring the college's Handbell Choir, Concert Choir and Dr. Ann Marie Rigler, organist.

Dr. Elizabeth MacLeod Walls, president of William Jewell College, will offer the homily.



Saturday, December 17 at 4 p.m.

MESSIAH SINGALONG

Everyone has a part to sing in this annual performance of Handel's masterwork. Admission is free. Bring your own score or purchase one when you arrive to sing.

Sunday, December 18 at 2 p.m.

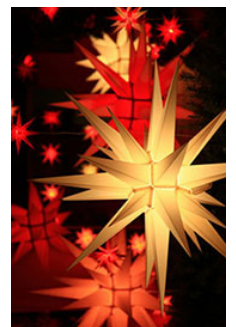
WILLIAM BAKER FESTIVAL SINGERS



Sunday, December 18 at 5 p.m.

MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST

A moving service of carols, lessons, candle lighting and sharing over a "feast" of special buns and coffee provides a peaceful bridge between the Advent and Christmas seasons.



Christmas Caroling
Monday, December 19
5 p.m.

Join us as we bring a little Christmas Spirit to the residents of Bishop Spencer Place.

November Flowers, to the Glory of God ...



November 6

- In memory of patient, brave and true saints—the Gitta Family
- Candles at the Healing Desk are giving in thanksgiving by Bud & Candy McDowell

November 13

- In thanksgiving for the birthday of our son, Brad McLeroy—Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
- In loving memory of Thomas H (Tyger) Rinehart—Ruth Finet
- In loving memory of Mary Shaw Branton—her family
- In thanksgiving for our grandson Evan Jacob Carlson-Lee—Bob & Linda Carlson
- In thanksgiving for the ministry of John & Fiona Schaefer—Peter & Mary DeVeau
- For God's hand in our election & to stop gun violence—the Gitta Family
- In loving memory of Marnell Sparks
- In loving memory of Jack Gibbens

November 20

- In memory of William & Alice Anderson—Douglas & Cecelia McNair
- Prayers for world peace & the victims of war—the Gitta Family

November 27

- In memory of John B. Kistner, Jr.—Anne & Richard Morse



Monthly Lunch Bunch

Men and women of the Cathedral, join us for a monthly lunch get-together.

The next date is Wednesday, December 7 at Cafe Trio, 4558 Main, 11:45 a.m. All are welcome and please invite friends! RSVP to Jim Robertson, jasbrob@aol.com, as soon as possible.

Partner in Education

On November 17, Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral was recognized by the North Kansas City School District as being a Partner in Education for their support to Clardy and Gashland Elementary Schools. The Cathedral has delivered approximately 85 back snacks to these two schools each week for the past 6 years. BackSnacks are part of a program offered by Harvesters to send home food over the weekend to children who are food insecure. Rachel Coy, principal of Clardy presented the award and told a heartfelt story of a second grader who depended on his backSnack each week for food over the weekend. There are many opportunities to become part of this program, even if you can only dedicate one day each month to help. God blesses us, so we can bless others.



Family Bag Packing

Sunday, December 11

Help pack Christmas Family Bags for BackSnack children. Contact Terri Curran to volunteer at tcurra2@yahoo.com.

Need a Christmas Gift? Stop by the Cathedral Bookstore!



Open every Sunday, 8:30–10 a.m.
and immediately following the 10:15 service.
Also open before and after Evensong each month.



Advent & Christmas Flower Donations

Now is the time
to consider
making a
donation

toward the beautiful flowers that will decorate the church during Advent and Christmas. Help make the Cathedral as stunning as in years past. Contact Janet Sweeting, jsweeting@kccathedral.org or 816-474-8260, ext. 144, to contribute or for more information.

Episcopal & Friends LGBT

Sunday, December 4

This gathering will be held at St. Mark Hope and Peace Lutheran, 3800 Troost, at 6 p.m. As always, there is no agenda other than fun, food, and fellowship. All are welcome. Respond to Jim Robertson at jasbrob@aol.com or 816-569-5549.

Saint John's Bible Presented to the Cathedral

by Peter DeVeau, Dean



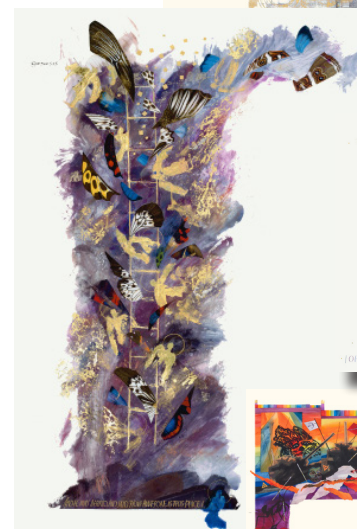
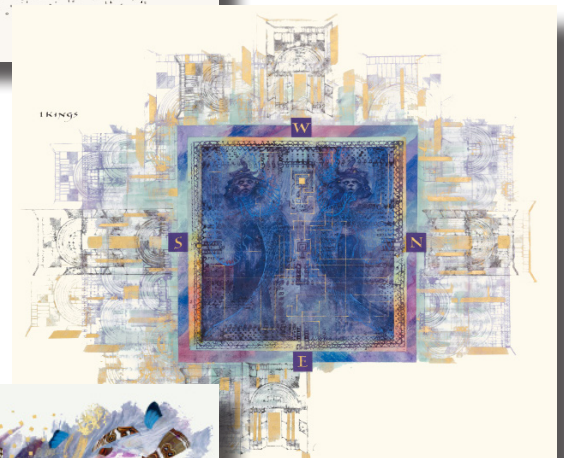
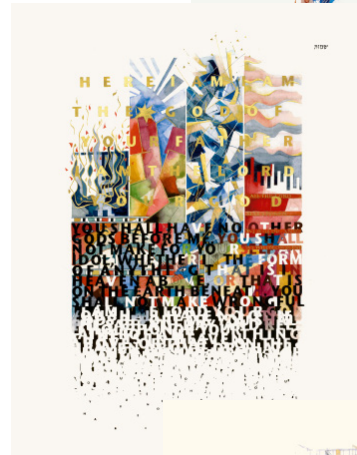
We are very pleased to announce that an anonymous donor is making a gift of the entire seven volume heritage edition of the Saint John's Bible to the Cathedral. The Saint John's Bible is the first illuminated manuscript of the entire Bible and Apocrypha created since before the sixteenth century Reformation. It was commissioned in 1998 by the monks of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota as a work of sacred art to mark the new millennium. A team of artists and calligraphers under the direction of Donald Jackson, principal scribe to Elizabeth II of England labored over a decade to complete this work of enduring beauty.

Over the past year we have participated in A Year with the Saint John's Bible, having been entrusted with the care of two of these strikingly beautiful exact replica volumes: the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles and, The Pentateuch, comprising the first five books of the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures. This exhibition was made possible through a gift in memory of the late Charles N. "Pete" Seidlitz, Jr. A gift from the Bebe and Crosby Kemper Foundation provided funding to create a secure and attractive space for display of the Bibles in the former cloak room outside the Common Room. Bud McDowell built the oak cases for display of the books. Dave and Diane Barker and Vince Alagna were instrumental in seeing to the refurbishment of this space as well as of the entire entry area of the Parish House. They were assisted in this by Cathedral staff members, Julie Toma and Mike Guidry.

As much as possible since last November we have displayed open pages of the Bible at the front of the nave during services. We have also used the Bibles in adult formation and have shared these inspiring works with community groups. In the Easter season we sent one of the books to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for use during the Great Vigil of Easter and at Pentecost.

As we look forward to receiving the other five volumes we will plan a celebration featuring speakers from St. John's University, Collegeville, to lecture on this masterwork and its creation. Early in 2017, a group will be convened to develop policies and guidelines for sharing the Bible with other churches and institutions.

The Saint John's Bible is a significant addition to the art of the Cathedral and helps fulfill our mission as a resource center for the Diocese of West Missouri and the Kansas City community. We are grateful for the generosity and vision of the donor in giving this gift designed to last well into the third millennium of Christian history.



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Trimming the Tree

Sunday, December 4
11:30 a.m.

Join us in Founders' Hall to make Christmas ornaments for our Founders' Hall Christmas tree—paper stars, woven hearts, paper chains, birds and more!

Women of Grace Luncheon

Saturday, December 10
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Haden Hall

\$5 "Love Donation" for supplies. Contact Terri Curran at tcurra2@yahoo.com for more details or to register.



Christmas Services

Saturday, December 24
5 p.m. • Pageant and
Eucharist

10 p.m. • Prelude

10:30 p.m. • Eucharist

Sunday, December 25

10:15 a.m. • Eucharist,
followed by a reception in
the Nave.

Saturday, December 31
5 p.m. • Eucharist —
*Canon John Schaefer's
last service*



Sunday, January 1
10:15 a.m. • Eucharist

Friday, January 6
12:05 p.m. • Epiphany

Sunday, January 8
10:15 a.m.—*Epiphany
with kids as kings; Baptisms*

The Christmas offerings will be divided, with 40 percent going to the Cathedral and 60 percent to be split between Sheffield Place, a treatment and transitional living program for homeless mothers and their children, sheffieldplace.org, and Maison de Naissance, a modern maternal health center supporting healthy mothers and healthy babies in Haiti, globalbirthinghomefoundation.org.



KCCCK Christmas Dinner & Free Store

Volunteers needed for the Kansas City Community Kitchen Christmas Dinner and Free Store held at the Cathedral on

Wednesday, December 21. Volunteer at the Episcopal Community Services website under the volunteer tab or contact Melissa Rock at msrock01@gmail.com to volunteer for the free store. Children are welcome to volunteer!

Birthday Gift Cards for Foster Children



Help a child in the foster care system by donating \$25 for a birthday gift card. These gift cards are given to children who do not receive any other gifts to celebrate their birthdays. In the past we have donated 40 gift cards each year, but with the growing number of children in the system 40 gift cards is not enough anymore. Please consider this very special ministry of making children feel special on their birthdays. Contact Terri Curran to donate at tcurra2@yahoo.com.

Youth Update

Network Skate and Bake

December 2-3

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to an evening of fun, fellowship and service! The event will start with holiday fun ice skating at Crown Center. The evening will continue with Christmas Cookie baking and decorating at St. Paul's KCMO, with the finished cookies going to the home bound in our community. Register online for this network event!

Trinity Teens Advent Party

December 14

Our last youth group meeting of the school year will be a festive Advent potluck with games and lots of fellowship! Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to bring a "Christmas Dinner" side dish and join in the fun!

Save the Date!

January 6

Nomadic Dinner Epiphany Celebration

Keep Up to Date

For more information on the Cathedral's Youth Ministry program, please contact Alexandra at youthformation@kccathedral.org. Check out www.wemoyouth.com for information on Network and Diocesan events and to register online!

Abiding Prayer

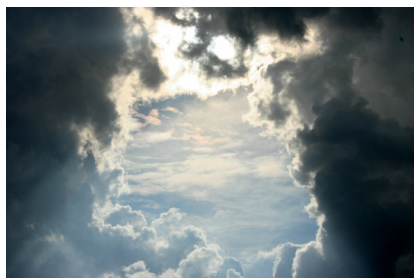
"Abide in me and I will abide in you." John 15:4

The Cloud of Unknowing:

A Loving Search for God

First and Third Thursdays of the Month,
7:15-8:30 p.m. † Common Room

This fourteenth-century book called *The Cloud of Unknowing* by an unknown English author inspires us into the kind of loving union with God that *The Cloud* teaches. The author then leads us on a loving search for



God. Sessions end with Abiding Prayer. Contact Jerry Grabher, j.grabher3@gmail.com or 816-590-6205 to register.



Family and Children's Ministry News

Sundays in Advent

During Advent, children in chapel and Godly Play will use an Advent wreath to prepare for the mystery of Christmas. Chapel lessons will follow the Old Testament lectionary readings. We will stop, listen for and hear the stories of the prophets reminding us of the hope and light we are given through Christ. In Godly Play, the children will hear stories which will move toward Bethlehem and the lighting of the Christ candle on the Advent wreath.

Advent Outreach Activities

Hygiene Kits for New Americans Students

Your donations are needed to provide kits of shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, lip balm, and warm socks to refugee students in this program. We need to buy supplies for 140 students at a cost of approximately \$8 per kit. Kids will assemble the kits during chapel on December 4 and 11. Children can bring their donations to chapel or they can be put in the offering plate marked "New Americans."

Christmas Fellowship at Bishop Spencer Place, December 11 • 2:30 p.m.

Bring some holiday cheer to residents at Bishop Spencer Place, where our own Deacon Leslie Hoover lives. Families will sing Christmas carols and work on crafts with the residents.

One & Only Pageant Rehearsal Sunday, December 18 • 11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Children are encouraged to come to the One & Only Rehearsal—it helps to have people who know what's happening! Meet in the back of the Nave following the 10:15 service.

Christmas Eve Pageant & Eucharist Saturday, December 24 • 5 p.m.

All children are welcome to participate in the pageant. There are no lines to learn, and simple costumes will be provided. Children should meet in the Common Room at 4:30.

Epiphany Sunday January 8

Children are invited to dress as kings (we provide the costumes) and process with the gifts during the offertory. After the service, all are invited to enjoy some King Cake at coffee hour.

Growing in Faith Together



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There's Still Time!

If you have not yet sent in your pledge for 2017, it's not too late! Fill out a pledge card, found at the back of the Nave, and return it to the office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. Or you may pledge online at kccathedral.org/stewardship.

Make a Special Year-End Gift

As you seek to buy just the right gift for that person who has everything, or wish to honor a god-child, god-parent, relative or friend, or wish to make a special year-end gift in thanksgiving for God's presence in your life, we assemble a small list of possible resources for you to consider. These agencies and programs are related to the mission of The Episcopal Church:

Episcopal Community Services

episcopalcommunity.diowestmo.org or mail donations to *Episcopal Community Services, 11 E 40th St, Kansas City, MO 64111*
ECS operates the Kansas City Community Kitchen (KCCCK), giving a freshly prepared, balanced meal to all who come for lunch every weekday. They also train people for culinary jobs through Culinary Cornerstones training program, focused not just on how to get a job, but also on how to keep a job and navigate life. Additionally, they also oversee the Episcopal Hunger Relief Network of more than 20 sites around the city that provide food through pantries, meal programs, Backsnack and community garden projects.

Maison de Naissance, the birthing home in Haiti

globalbirthinghomefoundation.org or mail donations to *Global Birthing Home Foundation, 5000 W. 134th St., Leawood, KS 66209*
Kansas City Episcopalians helping fellow Episcopalians in the Diocese of Haiti dramatically reduce infant mortality. Donate through the website. The area in Haiti where Maison de Naissance is located was badly damaged by Hurricane Matthew. The people are desperately in need and the staff of Maison de Naissance is providing shelter, food and other assistance to the entire community.

Episcopal Relief and Development

PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058
Gifts for Life: You can choose to honor someone you love with gifts from various categories starting at just \$12. Browse the catalog and order online at episcopalrelief.org.

Heifer International

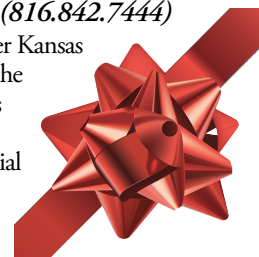
Heifer International, 1 World Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202.
Heifer International is a charity organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities. Episcopal Relief and Development partners with Heifer International to provide livestock. For each animal given, families agree to pass on the offspring of that animal to another person in need. Browse the Gift Catalog or donate at heifer.org.

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

415 W 13th St, Kansas City, MO 64105-1350,
A special gift to the Clergy Discretionary Fund assists outreach to the needy, a gift to the Endowment Fund strengthens future ministry, and a special Unrestricted Gift to the Operating Fund supports current ministry and programs. You can mail checks or donate online at kccathedral.securegive.com.

The Cathedral Cavanaugh Memorial Fund

Grace and Holy Trinity Cavanaugh Memorial Fund at GKCCF, 1055 Broadway Ste 130, Kansas City, MO 64105 (816.842.7444)
This Memorial Fund was established at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation in the memory of the Very Rev. J. Earl Cavanaugh to support the efforts of the Kansas City Community Kitchen to feed the hungry. The continued growth of this Memorial Fund is crucial in the fight against hunger in our community.



The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, *Bishop of West Missouri*
The Very Rev. Peter DeVeau, *Dean*
The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn, *Associate*
The Rev. Jerry Grabher, *Deacon*
The Rev. Leslie Hoover, *Deacon*
The Rev. Jim Robertson, *Deacon*
Mr. John L. Schaefer, *Canon Musician*
William Baker, *Cathedral Chorale Director*
Linda Martin, *Children's Music Director*
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