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Silvestre Silvas joins Cathedral as youth director

Silvestre “Sly” Silvas joined the Cathedral staff as the Youth Director in late August. He comes to the Cathedral from Texas, where he served in youth ministry for more than 15 years.

Most recently, Silvestre served as the youth minister at Trinity Episcopal Church in Baytown, Tex. He oversaw a re-emerging group of youth that participated in mission trips, service projects and developed a confirmation class for sixth graders. Serving on inter-denominational Vacation Bible School steering committees, editing the church newsletter, preaching, training others with the “Safeguarding God’s Children” program and serving on other committees are other ways Silvestre ministered at Trinity.



In addition to local church work, Silvestre served Province VII as the Provincial Youth Ministries Coordinator/Chair of Provincial Youth Network. In this position, he supervised the General Convention Official Youth Presence, assisted with staffing at Provincial Youth Gatherings and was a member of the national church task force that established priorities for new initiative money as approved by the 2003 General Convention.

Canon Susan Sommer worked with the Youth Director Search Committee. Committee members were Alexandra Connors, Paula Connors, Jeff Johnson, Kristy Moore, David Rice, Bob Richmond, Lucy Richards and Andie Schooling. Members of the Search Committee used words like “very open and approachable” to describe Silvestre.

“Silvestre is a thoughtful, mature Christian whose dedication and empathy for youth equip him well to undertake the construction of a vibrant, exciting program for the young of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral,” said David Rice. “Experienced, yet flexible and open to innovation, he should be a welcome addition to the Cathedral’s leadership team.”

Leading in youth ministry has rewards and challenges. Silvestre said that, for him, “the most rewarding moment in youth ministry is when you are leading a program, discussion, etc. and a youth group member has an ‘a-ha moment.’ It occurs whenever, wherever—mission trip, retreat, group meeting, worship ... you never know where and when the Spirit will lead them.”

He also described the challenge of youth ministry: “The message of youth ministry and the youth needs really haven’t changed. Youth, whatever their age, socio-economic status, geography face the same basic challenges—self-esteem, where do I fit in, how do I face life’s challenges, etc. The challenge for all youth ministers, and this is the exciting part,

is to present the message in fresh ways that meet the needs of the present day youth. How we did things 10 years ago, even 5 years ago, no longer fit.”

Reflecting on meeting Silvestre, Search Committee Member Lucy Richards said, “I am very excited for our congregation. I think we have a very spiritual and motivated person in Silvestre as a youth leader. I was impressed with his experience—not only in terms of years spent—but also in terms of his involvement. He reported in his interview questions that on his own spiritual journey a key component is living the baptismal covenant and creeds and following a rule of life, seeking always, what God is asking. With youth, he said he hopes to engage and affirm the young person’s reality, be a positive presence in their life, and plant seeds that will deepen their spirituality.”

Silvestre’s educational background includes a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston Law Center and a Youth Ministry Certificate from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin. Silvestre served as an attorney for more than 12 years before accepting a full-time youth ministry position. His background comes together in youth ministry.

“When you look at social work, law and youth ministry there are quite a few connections,” Silvestre explained.

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Our journey forward

A number of you asked over the summer months how the Sommer family was faring with Kansas City heat and humidity. The short answer is, “It isn’t as bad as we feared.” A little known fact about us Great Lakes folks – we’re no strangers to heat and humidity. In fact, the Dog Days that produced triple digit heat in KC in 2006 also produced triple digits both in Chicago and in Minneapolis.

But I did find myself, in quiet moments on those blistering hot days this summer, going to my cool place. No, not in front of an air conditioner vent, but rather in my memory to Lake Superior.

It was in 1988 when Rick and I made our first trip to what Minnesotans call the North Shore (actually the southwest shore of Lake Superior, but don’t get me started on geography). We had endured a week of tri-

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The great backpack stuffing party

"Operation Backpack" is over for 2006, but now, planning for 2007 begins. Each year when we hear the appeal, we gladly give our \$10 or more. But have you ever participated in that happy event, "The Great Backpack Stuffing Party," on the first Saturday of August each year, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Main Street?

In March of each year, Marilyn McElliot, the Backpack Program Director for Episcopal Community Services (ECS), with a great leap of faith, places an order for \$25,000 worth of backpacks and school supplies. Appeals are sub-

backpacks were distributed on the spot to requesting agencies who had provided volunteers.

The "Operation Backpack" program, has been run by Episcopal Community Services for ten years. "People love the program and love to support it," said Marilyn. "While we are most grateful for all the individual donations, what we really need are fundraisers who can work within each church community, identifying those with connections to charitable foundations who could help us finance this operation more securely. The need is much greater than we have been able to meet, so far."

sequently made to the churches of the Kansas City metropolitan area, and to charitable foundations, to raise the money to pay for the ordered supplies. "We come very close to being in the black each year, and this year may actually do it," Marilyn said.

Preparation be-

gan on Friday evening, August 4, when a youth group from St. Paul's Church began to unpack 4,000 backpacks that had just arrived, hot off the truck. "We could have distributed 6,500 this year, if we had the money" mused the director of this, the largest program of its kind in the KC metropolitan area.

Next the school supplies were lined up on two long tables, so volunteer "stuffers" could work from either side.

The next morning dawned hot and humid. Despite that, a diverse group of 150 volunteers appeared, rolled up their sleeves with a smile, and got to work. Selecting from the cascading pile of black, nylon backpacks, each volunteer stuffed into them a prescribed number of spiral notebooks, pocket folders, no. 2 pencils, ball point pens, crayons, a ruler and other school supplies.

After several runs through the "line," volunteers were invited to refresh themselves with coffee donated by Starbucks and homemade cookies from the ladies of the Eastgate Retirement Village, Peculiar, Mo. Then it was back to the "line," until all 4,000 backpacks were filled with precious school supplies and zipped up securely. Assigned numbers of

Another great way to support ECS: Episcopal Community Services presents the 12th Annual Servin' Up Jazz, A benefit concert for the Kansas City Community Kitchen (serving 500 nutritious, hot meals daily to Kansas City's homeless and working poor) featuring Bobby Watson, Pamela Baskin-Watson and other prominent jazz musicians. The event will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday, October 7, 2006, at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral and will be followed by a special tasting of fine Missouri wines. Tickets are \$40.

in my ribs, and I pondered on the enormous amount of "rescue work" waiting to be done with "throwaway kids" like these in the juvenile Court system. But that is a story for another day.

For more information about ECS, contact them at 816-561-8920 or visit them online at www.episcopalcommunity.org.

— by Geoff Logan

Silvestre Silvas

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"Your social work training teaches you listening skills, to hear what the person is saying, and what the person isn't saying. My law background in criminal, juvenile and family law has been useful. When parents get divorced, or mom files for back child support, etc. I have an idea what is going on in that family's life. Due to the visitation guidelines in the state of Texas, I knew which weekends not to expect youth at youth events, especially in a youth group where over half of the youth group members come from divorced families."

A lifetime Texan, Silvestre is looking forward to living in Kansas City and enjoying a change of seasons and some cool and cold weather. He will be living downtown and looks forward to seeing the changes that are coming. He is also looking for someone to help him find Kansas City equivalents to Whataburger, HEB and Taco Cabana — as well as pointing out the best Mexican and Tex-Mex restaurants.

Silvestre enjoys watching sporting events, such as Texas Longhorn football games and professional baseball, reading novels along the lines of The DaVinci Code and the Harry Potter books. A big 80s music fan, he enjoys listening to almost all kinds of music, except country and hip-hop.

"I look forward to watching and being a part of God's work at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral through Silvestre Silvas," said Lucy Richards.

— by Julie Toma

Croquet Gender Challenge Croquet Tournament



Anyone wanting to create/join a Cathedral Croquet Team for the upcoming tournament, please contact Jim Jennings at 913-722-5235.

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Adult Formation

September, 3, 10 & 17

Evolution of Our Church: English Christianity to the 18th Century

Dr. Elaine A. Reynolds, Professor of History, William Jewell College & Cathedral Member

Our church has always been an 'evolving' one from the very beginning and continues even today. We will study the general Anglican/Episcopalian ethos and how in the context of the larger Christian community and English history. Based upon the book, *To Be a Pilgrim: The Anglican Ethos in History* by Frederick Quinn, we will trace this evolution of English Christianity up to the 18th century, as the Church in England became the Church of England. As part of this study we will read samples of primary historical sources, including devotional literature, music, and legal documents which provide a sense of the complexities inherent in the Anglican ethos. A copy of the book is not required to attend, but, if possible, read chapter 1, on the Medieval period, for the first class meeting.

*Join us Sundays at
9:15 a.m. in the
Common Room.*

**September 24 & October 1
Christian Reflection on Stem Cell Research**

Nancy R. Howell, Professor Theology and Philosophy of Religion, Saint Paul School of Theology

News media report about stem cell research and relevant controversies vary frequently, and voters and legislators are asked to determine whether governments will support stem cell research. Many of us need time to understand the scientific state of stem cell research, as well as the theology that might help establish personal responses to the prospect of stem cell research and therapies. Without pressing a single theological option, Professor Howell will lead discussion, provide background information and identify useful questions related to stem cell research.

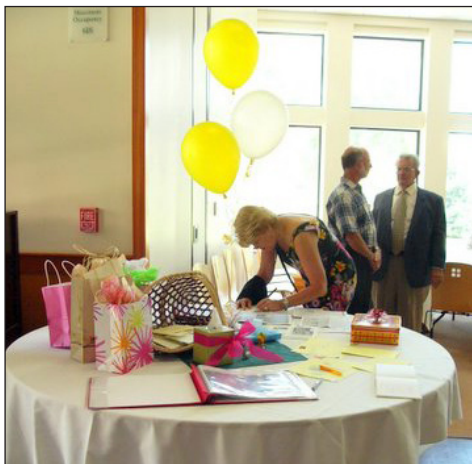
A blessed farewell



photos by Joe Finnie and Pat Wright
The reception following the 10:15 service provided an opportunity for the Cathedral family to express their gratitude for Jon and Linda Yeager.



The Rev. Canon Linda Yeager delivered the sermon July 31, her last Sunday at the Cathedral.



Note paper was provided for written expressions of love and goodwill. Members from the Holy Hands hospitality committee will place these in a scrapbook for Linda and Jon.

A Blessed Farewell

'Twas a beautiful day
For a great celebration
An absence of rain
But a few scattered tears

She waited for the bell
That called her to prayer
She walked in peace
As she passed through the churchyard.

The House of the Lord cried 'Welcome'
At her greetings
And to shake her hand
Was the touch of an Angel.

And our ears still ring
From her last valediction
To walk with God
And not be afraid.

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dedicated to the Rev. Canon Linda Yeager

Friends of MN

The next meeting of Friends of MN (Maison de Naissance) will be Wednesday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room (lower level, Founders' Hall).



Questions? Contact Marian Philip at MPHILIP1976@juno.com or 816-421-5808.



Eight was the theme of the day — celebrating Deacon Linda's eight years of ministry at GHCT. Cathedral members gathered to watch a taped message from Dean White and his family — a top eight list of things they appreciated about Linda.

Music Notes

from Canon Musician John Schaefer

Patti Howell "retires"

Since its inception in 1999, Patti Howell has been the Principal Cantor for the 5 p.m. Sunday service, while also singing in the Trinity Choir and playing bells with the Cathedral Bell Ringers. Rare are they who so generously offer their talents of music to God's glory as has Patti here at the Cathedral.

Patti has decided to retire from her current activities as a Cathedral musician. She will continue to sing with Symphony Chorus, which rehearses here at the Cathedral, and she will undoubtedly offer her gifts as a leader of congregational song within the congregation.

She has served so wisely and so well. The Cathedral family and especially the Trinity Choir thank her for enriching our lives with her music.

Lieder of Hugo Wolf

The Lieder of Hugo Wolf will be the offerings of the vocal students of Thilde Beuing at a recital in Founders' Hall on Sunday afternoon the 10, beginning at 2 p.m.

Some of your Cathedral colleagues will be singing. Lamar Sims will be at the piano. Madame Beuing will be glad to supply you with details at the Coffee Hour following the 10:15 service.

Trinity Choir UK Tour



(Top) Members of the group met up with Ben and Jieun Newland in Ireland.

(Middle) The group sang their first service at St. Patrick's, Dublin.

(Bottom) Choir members in the Oxford Cloister.



photos by/courtesy of John Fowler

(Top) The tour choir and friends spent six days at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, where they sang eight service—once each day and three times on Sunday.

(Bottom) Organist John Fowler visits the Guinness brewery in Dublin.

Necessary Dreams: A cooperative effort between The Dream Works and GHTC

Many of us dream of having the "nicer things in life," even though in reality we already have those things. Others find themselves dreaming of necessities and small things that can make life just a little more bearable. We call these dreams, "Necessary Dreams."

You can help make these dreams true! The following are needs of the most critical kind. All other possibilities have been exhausted. If you can provide goods, services, or finances to fulfill these dreams, please contact Sam Satterfield at 913-281-8695 or provide your donation to The Dream Works in the Sunday plate.

It is not necessary to donate money—any donated resource, or combination thereof, will help our clients.

You may "adopt" a specific dream by utilizing the code number next to each name. For more information, please visit our Web site at: www.TheDreamWorksinc.com.

Paul's Dream (#1028)

Paul is a paralyzed veteran who lives in Missouri. His declining health necessitates that he move in with his daughter who lives in Overland Park, Kansas. His daughter's house has no ramp to enable him to enter the house. The state of Kansas and City of Overland Park cannot pay for the ramp because the house does not belong to Paul. He cannot live in the house until a ramp is built. Approximate Dollar Value = \$2,500.00

Natalie's Dream (#1029)

Natalie is a pre-teen who is severely disabled. Her parents are beginning to experience difficulty getting her in and out of the tub. A shower is needed. The total cost of the project is \$11,000.00. The state of Missouri will fund \$10,000.00. The family is still in need of \$1,000.00. Any contribution must be received by October 15, 2006. Approximate Dollar Value = \$1,000.00

John's Dream (#1031)

John is a 36-year old man who has a spinal-cord injury. He lives independently and is involved in the community. John has bath bench that he sits on when he bathes. The bench is beginning to wear and is unstable. He needs a new one. Medicare & Medicaid no longer pay for any bathroom equipment. John is requesting a bath bench to be donated or purchased. Approximate Dollar Value = \$350.00

Dreams You Have Made Come True

The following are needs that you have graciously met so far. THANK YOU!

Michael (#1015) – Working in partnership with the Cathedral, The Dream Works, and another agency, it was possible to restore the utilities for Michael. Michael lost his utilities after his kidneys failed and his wife abandoned him. Your efforts have helped restored his dignity and helped him to cope with a tragic situation.

Lovera (#1021) Bonus Dream #2! – Thanks again to Parishioner generosity we have been able to purchase new born supplies for a 30-year-old single mother who just had a baby boy. The unexpected funds bought clothes and blankets for the unsuspecting mom!

News from Guild of the Christ Child

While continuing our ministry during Baptism Sundays, the Guild is expanding our mission for the families of the Cathedral. We are working to coordinate a network of people to prepare and deliver meals to families with new babies.

Our outreach to Veronica's Voice was received so thankfully and we look forward to supporting other groups in need.

— by *Connie Kurtz*

• new arrivals •

Logan George was born August 17, weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 1/4." Logan is the first child of George and Joselyn Verschelden.

Cathedral's financial status

JULY MTD BUDGETED MTD ACTUAL MTD

INCOME	\$ 174,509	\$ 171,480
EXPENSES	\$ 129,466	\$ 135,305
NET TOTAL	\$ 45,043	\$ 36,175

JULY YTD BUDGETED YTD ACTUAL YTD

INCOME	\$ 965,584	\$ 914,663
EXPENSES	\$ 963,576	\$ 946,009
NET TOTAL	\$ 2,008	\$ (31,346)

Pledges and income received in July slightly trailed their budget. Expenses for July exceeded budget by about \$6,000.

For the year pledges and income received while trailing budget are within historical ranges. Expenses for the year are under budget.

There has been a slight slowing in pledges received the last few months but I believe the end of the summer will find pledges and income received back on budget.

— by *Doyle White, treasurer*

A ministry of caring and giving

Our Cathedral family is growing, has diverse needs and lives all over the Kansas City metropolitan area! Sounds like a daunting task to care for a family that large, but it can be done. Thanks to Cathedral Caregivers, a pastoral care ministry group at GHTC, we have been able to support and care for one another in lots of ways through these past years.

When parishioners' needs are shared with the clergy, the Cathedral Caregivers may be called upon to assist where needed by our clergy. It's a way for those of us "ordained" at baptism to be ministers of Christ alongside our ordained clergy.

In a book written by Lloyd Edwards, *Discerning Your Spiritual Gifts*, there are several stories that illustrate the value of receiving pastoral care not just from ordained clergy, but from parish members as well. In one story, church members visited a parishioner's mother during a time of illness, but she viewed it as an act of friendship on their part. She felt the church had not supported her in this difficult time. What she overlooked was that these friends were also answering the call of Christ, their common baptism and membership in the body of Christ. In her time of need, she was being ministered to as a friend and sister in Christ.

Cathedral Caregivers offer their gifts to those in need; and many of us are currently caregivers in less formal, defined groups and don't even realize it... When you saw someone's birthday or anniversary listed in the bulletin, did you wish them well with a phone call or a card? When you knew a special event took place in someone's life, did you drop them a note? If someone needed a ride, did you offer to help them out? Have you acknowledged a brother or sisters' grief, pain or illness with a call or just by simply listening? Have you offered them the comfort of knowing they were in your prayers? These are just a few examples of how we care for

one another. See, you're already a Caregiver!

Please consider this your 'written' invitation to "love and serve one another" through Cathedral Caregivers. ('Formal invitations' arrive in the form of God's call!) What gifts can you offer to this pastoral ministry group? Cathedral Caregivers has been divided into several ministry areas, so you may offer assistance in the ways you are most able.

- **Homebound Visitation** visits with parishioners who are homebound.
- **Food for Folks** provides a meal for the ill, the bereaved, new parents and provide additional meals on an as-needed basis. The coordinator matches the provider and recipient geographically; thus, meal providers are needed all over the greater Kansas City area.
- **Notes, Cards and Calls** sends notes or cards or make calls to the ill, the homebound, the bereaved or those celebrating joyous occasions in their lives.
- **Parish Prayer Chain** prays regularly and with great commitment for a variety of needs within the parish. Prayer cards are completed by parishioners and placed in the offering plate on Sundays or can be completed with the assistance of someone in the office over the telephone.
- **Tape Ministry** oversees the taping of Sunday services for homebound members.
- **Directory Follow-up** maintains telephone contact with parish members throughout the year. It allows clergy and Cathedral Caregivers to track pastoral needs, desires for program involvement and parish concerns.
- **Special Needs** provides a variety of ministries from grief counseling to assistance with transportation on an as-needed basis.
- **Health Ministries** offer their professional skills to assist individuals and families in maintaining and enhancing emotional, spiritual and physical wellness.
- **HIV/AIDS Task Force** ministers to all persons affected by HIV/AIDS through an Interfaith Care Team.

Please speak with any of our Cathedral clergy about your desire to be a member of the Cathedral Caregivers group. We need you—we all need each other.

"The church is a community of persons who are called to grow in unity with one another by serving one another, each one using his or her gift and each one valuing the gifts of others." Fr. Edwards

— by *Valerie Johnson*

Save the Date!

Commitment Sunday and Fellowship
Luncheon • October 8, 11:30 a.m.
"Loving God Back"

our journey forward

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ple digit heat and stifling humidity. Enough was enough! We made the 5 hour trip from southern Minnesota where we were living, to northern Minnesota and set up camp at Split Rock State Park, where the breeze off Lake Superior kept the temperatures about 30 degrees cooler than southern Minnesota.

For a week, we hiked trails that took us along rivers tumbling 600 feet into Lake Superior, explored old lighthouses, hunted for agates along the rock-strewn shores, and reveled in the sound of the loons lulling us to sleep each evening. We were hooked, and for the remaining years we lived in Minnesota, the North Shore was our vacation destination. (This, of course, was back when sleeping on the ground held far more enchantment for us than it does now.)

1988 was a drought year in Minnesota, so the river levels were down. This afforded us an opportunity to see the riverbeds in ways we never were to again. Unlike the meandering prairie rivers of Missouri – or southern Minnesota for that matter – the rivers that rush headlong into Lake Superior tumble through ancient volcanic rock, some of the oldest exposed rock in the world.

That summer, as we hiked along the lower falls of Gooseberry River, we saw a remarkable sight. Along the shoreline were perfectly formed cylindrical holes that looked as though someone had come along with a giant drill bit and drilled two feet into solid rock. Our geologist neighbor, who was camping nearby (and by the way, DO camp near a geologist whenever possible!) explained the pothole phenomenon. Turns out, countless millennia of water wrought those amazing features. Water and eroded rock and soil from spring run-offs swirling in seeming chaos over time actually “drilled” perfectly cylindrical holes in solid, volcanic rock.

Such is the power of water and what it carries in its current.

As we begin our program year at the Cathedral, I see an image of bright, tumbling, fast-moving water. New faces, new classes, new initiatives and challenges, continued blessings of generosity of spirit and financial resources, new members, new babies, are all in bright evidence here at the Cathedral. Sometimes, our sheer busy-ness has an almost chaotic feel to it – like water caught up, swirling in a northern river as it cascades to the Lake.

And sometimes, if we're not attentive to clear communication processes, our busy-ness and movement can create the emotional equivalent of potholes. Regrettable though this is when it happens, it's not uncommon. Sometimes we see evidence of such breakdown clearly and sometimes it's obscured, submerged beneath the surface, something that becomes visible in retrospect only.

The pace of our lives, as twenty-first century folks and as members of the Cathedral, does not appear to be slowing any time soon. (To use an image of the River, we're less the Missouri River in Kansas City and more the Gooseberry River on the North Shore). There certainly is no sign of diminishment in our communities' needs for care, comfort, and outreach, and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In view of that, it therefore remains crucial for all of us to be daily attentive to what we each carry with us in our journey forward. We each have “stuff” that we carry along with us in our current – both good and ill. In the language of recovery groups, we all do well to engage in a fearless moral inventory on a regular basis, asking ourselves, am I enriching the riverbank, or am I eroding it? Am I moving forward, or am I stuck somewhere, swirling rapidly but getting nowhere fast?

— by the Rev. Canon Sue Sommer

Lay Symposium

You won't want to miss the fourth annual Symposium of the Academy for Lay Education and Ministry, September 15-16 in Founders' Hall. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. William Countryman, the Sherman E. Johnson Professor in Biblical Studies, Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

Widely regarded as one of the most distinguished biblical scholars and theologians in The Episcopal Church today, he will participate in Saturday sessions as well as give the address at the Friday evening dinner.

The registration fee of \$40 per person includes all meals (dinner, continental breakfast, and box lunch) and materials. To register, e-mail mothermccann@prodigy.net. Include your name, address, e-mail address and congregation. Complete registration by sending your check made out to the Diocese of West Missouri for \$40 per person to: The Rev. Susan McCann, Grace Episcopal Church, 520 South 291 Highway, Liberty, MO 64068.

Memorials and thanksgivings

August 6 • The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Jaden Lynn Evans by her grandparents, Karen and Ron Brink; and in thanksgiving for her daughter, Sandra, by Mrs. H.A. Sloan.

August 13 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their directress, Betty Phillips, by the Altar Guild; and in thanksgiving for Miriam Marrs by her family and friends; also in loving memory of Charles S. Lacey by Larry and Marilyn McMullen and family. Memorial candles are given in loving memory of Mildred Igl by Paul and Bonnie Lowrey.

August 20 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Thomas J. Wood, Jr., by his wife, Sally; and in thanksgiving for the life of Herbert A. Sloan; also in loving and blessed memory of John T. Cozzi, by his granddaughter Tricia Pellet Lyddon. At the baptismal font, flowers are given in loving memory of Max McLeroy by Ron and Carolyn McLeroy.

August 27 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas M. Higgins, Jr.; and in loving memory of Edwin R. Morrison by Mrs. Herbert A. Sloan. At the baptismal font, flowers are given in thanksgiving for her son Brian Marrs and granddaughter Madeline Marrs, by Miriam Marrs. At the chapel altar, flowers are given in thanksgiving for Terry Ryder by Alan and Phyllis Ryder. Memorial candles are given in loving memory of her parents, Walter and Alice Adams and her sister, Hily Riess, by Jane Lester.

Come sing with the **GRACE** choralists

The Choralists are a talented and dedicated group of singers, ages 7-12, who love to share their gifts with the Cathedral. They meet on Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. in the Common Room. If you are interested, please attend a brief parent/student orientation meeting September 6 at 6 p.m. in the Common Room, which will be followed by the first rehearsal. Contact Malinda McCasland at 913.829.7916 or mjmccasland@aol.com if you have any questions.



With Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the members of the Cathedral who have experienced the death of family members this past month:

Jose Hemmings, *brother of Lill Weekes*
James Jennings, Sr., *father of Jim Jennings*
Terry Faulkner, *wife of Clark Faulkner*
Larry Daley, *brother-in-law of Jaunita McKee*

New children's formation year begins September 3

While the glorious days of summer are waning Children's Formation is preparing for a new formation year filled with love, wonder and the glory of the Lord! Classes and chapel start on September 3 and are scheduled to meet each Sunday, with the exception of Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and Easter, until June 3. Our Children's Chapels provide a modified worship service, for ages 3 through 3rd grade, that is designed for age appropriate comprehension.

Formation Classes

Sunday mornings at 9:15 we offer formation for children age 3 through 5th grade and are pleased to add a third Godly Play room for 2nd and 3rd graders. We welcome new teachers Heather Cleavinger, Charmaine Fowler, Jennifer Lowry, Christine Morrison and Cathy Walsh this year. Grades 6 through 8 attend pre-confirmation class. More information on the new confirmation class is coming soon!

- Pre-kindergarten children attend Godly Play in the yellow door room with Mrs. Cornwell, Mrs. Michka, Mrs. Finnie and Mrs. Fowler as storyteller and doorman in rotation.
- Kindergarten and 1st grade children attend Godly Play in the purple door room with Mrs. Marrs and Mrs. White.
- 2nd and 3rd grade children attend Godly Play in the red door room with Mrs. Lowry and Mrs. Morrison.
- 4th and 5th grade children attend All Things New with Mrs. Cleavinger, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Walsh in rotation.

Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel begins at 10:15 a.m. and continues until The Peace when the children are brought to their parents in the nave. We welcome Brenda Colburn as chapel leader.

- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children meet in the Junior chapel with Mrs. Wattenberg.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders meet in the Senior

Fall 2006 Sunday Morning Schedule Formation 9:15 a.m.

Pre-kindergarten Godly Play: yellow door
Kindergarten and grade 1 Godly Play: purple door
Grades 2 and 3 Godly Play: red door
Grades 4 and 5 All Things New: green door

Children's Chapels 10:15 a.m.

Pre-k and kindergarten: junior chapel
Grades 1-3: senior chapel



photos by DeAnn McTavish

Children's Formation families took three weekday trips this summer. The Kansas City Zoo was their first stop. On June 13, families visited the tigers, rode the "zamberla" (middle photo above) and shared lunch together.

Then the families went to the Deanna Rose Farmstead in Overland Park June 28. Children were able to become flowers, feed the animals and get their feet wet (photos left, above).

For their final trip, families gathered at Penguin Park in the northland to slide down the penguin, twirl on the merry-go-round and enjoy a beautiful July day.

chapel (orange door) with Mrs. Colburn and Mrs. Moore.

Entry into Haden Hall during formation hours requires an access code. Please contact DeAnn McTavish at the Cathedral Office to establish a family code. The 2006-2007 Formation year will be a wonderful faith exploration experience for your child. Join us, won't you? We'll leave the Lord's light on for you!

— by DeAnn McTavish

HAITI EVENT II

**Sunday, September 17,
2006 • 2-4 p.m.**

Founders' Hall

COME LEARN &
CELEBRATE health care,
education and economic
development in Haiti.

Enjoy music and good food
Haitian Art for Sale
Child Care will be provided.

*For more information please
contact the Cathedral office.*

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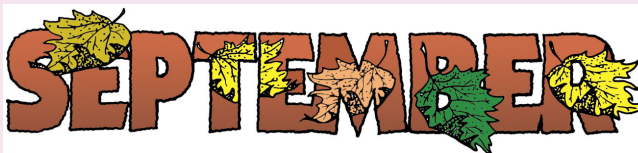
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Weekly Activities

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Christian Formation
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

MONDAY

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
5:45 p.m. The Tallis Singers
6:00 p.m. Grace Choraliers

THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Cathedral Outreach Program
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. EfM
7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir

FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. Moms' Bible Study
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Activities for the Month of September

3 • SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Music Committee
3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer Group

4 • MONDAY

Labor Day • Cathedral office and buildings closed

5 • TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. Needlework Arts Group
7:00 p.m. *The Angelus* Small Group

7 • THURSDAY

5:00 p.m. Budget Committee

9 • SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. EfM Retreat

10 • SUNDAY • BLOOD PRESSURE SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Social Action Committee

11 • MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Robbery Victims Support Group
7:00 p.m. Sign Language Class

12 • TUESDAY

6:15 p.m. Cancer Support Group

13 • WEDNESDAY

5:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

6:30 p.m. Friends of MN

17 • SUNDAY

12:00 p.m. Integrity
2:00 p.m. Haiti Event II
3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer Group

18 • MONDAY

4:30 p.m. Buildings and Grounds Committee

19 • TUESDAY

6:15 p.m. Guild of the Christ Child

20 • WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee

23 • SATURDAY

3:00 p.m. Croquet Gender Challenge

25 • MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Robbery Victims Support Group
7:00 p.m. Sign Language Class

27 • WEDNESDAY

5:00 p.m. Budget Committee
6:30 p.m. Reel People

28 • THURSDAY

5:00 p.m. Vestry

Please verify times and dates of the events listed with the appropriate person(s) or by contacting the Cathedral Office.