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Fall Kickoff

I love fall. Ideally, we think of this time of year as cooler weather, clear blue skies, pretty leaves, and football—high school, college, and pro. In reality, it’s still summer for a few more weeks, it will stay hot, and leaves may or may not dazzle us. The one certainty in all of this is football, that will still happen. But, there is, and always will be, another certainty—life at the Cathedral will continue with our usual Fall Kickoff events. We never stop worshipping or serving, of course, but the fall allows us to jump back into our usual routines with new offerings and a fresh start to formation for all ages.

As you will read in this edition of *The Angelus*, we have many events coming up starting with our annual Back-to-School Blessing on Sunday, September 10 for all students, teachers, administrators, and anyone returning to school. We will also have a presentation

that day from Bishop Spencer Place during the coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please come and learn about our premier Episcopal retirement community in Kansas City, part of the Saint Luke’s Health System. Formation classes for all ages: children, youth, and adults, will begin as well on this day. Saturday, September 16 will be the return of our Cathedral Cup Croquet Tournament. Please sign up as a team of two, or just come and watch as this fun event comes back to the north lawn of the Cathedral. This will be followed by our Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 17. Please come to Founders’ Hall and see all the various ways you can serve at the Cathedral. There will be information and sign-up opportunities for all of our ministries. In October we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday the 7th, Healing Services on October 15, and the Fall Festival on October 29. In November

we will once again host the Diocesan Convention on the 10th and 11th.

Musically, we welcome the return of Choral Evensong in September as well as welcoming our new Associate Organist, Dr. Lucas Fletcher, on October 1. Looking ahead to December we will look forward to the return of the Messiah Singalong on December 9 and our annual Advent Lessons and Carols on December 10.

There is so much going on over the next few months and so much to look forward to, and I am excited to share in all of it with you. I also hope to welcome a new Associate Priest at some point this fall, so stay tuned as we see who God might be calling to join us at the Cathedral. Of course, none of this would be possible without all of you. Thank you for your willingness to come and serve in this part of the kingdom.

—Andrew Keyse



We’ve Got You Covered

Don’t miss all the amazing things happening at the Cathedral this fall! There’s a full list on pages 8–9, with more detail sprinkled throughout. So, whether you’re interested in the Back-to-School Blessing, Cathedral Cup Croquet Tournament or Ministry Fair, we’ve got you covered. And that’s just September!

October’s highlights include the Blessing of the Animals, the Blessing of the Stuffed Animals (a new event just for the kids) and the Costume Blessing and Fall Festival.

We hope you’re able to join us for some of these outstanding events!

—Melissa Kilpatrick

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On the cover: Fall color adorns the Cathedral trees, photo by Ken Stewart.



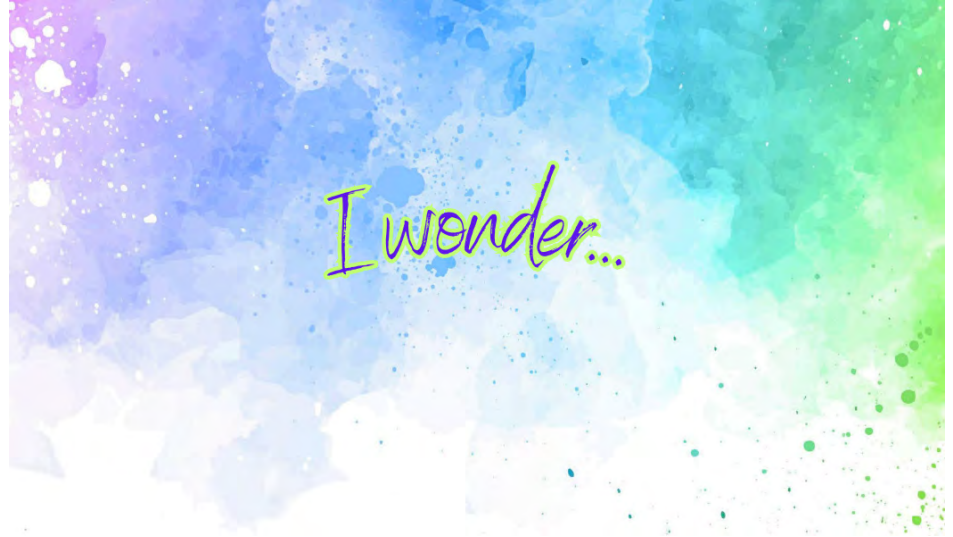
I Wonder

Hello friends!

Happy back-to-school season! With new seasons come new opportunities and times of growth. This year we are leaning into that growth a bit more and I wonder what new things we will learn.

This past weekend, I spent time with members of the Diocese of Kansas (our neighboring diocese) at a Godly Play CORE training where participants learned the art and science and ministry of tending to a child's inner spiritual spark, in other words, their wondering about who God is and how God is active in their lives. Godly Play is a beautifully crafted curriculum that supports children's growth and making disciples of the faith. It focuses on wondering and storytelling so the stories of the people the Bible and ultimately God, can be stories that are written on their hearts.

Over the next few months children, youth, college students, and young adults will experience some new and timeless ministry experiences. Our children will continue to experience Godly Play and Weaving God's Promises in their formation and Cathedral Kids time here at the Cathedral with the support of our amazing children's ministry volunteers! Thank you, Bethany Z., Brenda C., Julie B. and Dani M. for your love and care for the youngest leaders in our parish. You are a gift to us.



Our youth will continue to meet on Sunday mornings for faith formation and donuts and learn about this mysterious, gracious, and loving God and Man who did wonderful things with teaching, healing and preaching the Gospel. On Sunday evenings we will continue to gather for fellowship and food at Youth Group. Youth will also have the opportunity to engage more with youth from around the Diocese at the Youth Game night on September 22 at Church of the Good Shepherd in the Northland and again at Diocesan Convention November 10–11 for a Youth Lock-in and opportunity to lead Morning Prayer for the convention attendees.

Our college and young adult ministries continue to grow in new and exciting ways with the All Things ... Episcopal Podcast and its next season, season

2, will launch in October. In our first season as of late August we have had just under 800 listeners of the podcast, some of which are even listening in UK, Greece, Spain, New Zealand and the Philippines to name a few. We are also continuing to seek ways to build relationships with local colleges and universities.

Overall, I am very excited for this season of life at Grace and Holy Trinity and wonder where the Triune God will move us to joyously serve God and neighbor with gladness and singleness of heart.

—Clare Stern-Burbano



Blessed by the Helpers

Do you know it takes 27 volunteers every Sunday to fill the positions we have in the combined 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. worship services? That number does not include the choir or Holy Hands (11). Many of our volunteers sign up for once a month, for example, every third Sunday. Some sign up for additional special services, i.e., ordinations, funerals, and special services during Holy Week and Christmas. Others make themselves available as a substitute. Others serve more than once during a month, especially when there is a fifth Sunday in the month.

As Volunteer Coordinator, I schedule the volunteers we have into the 27 spots we have open each Sunday. Before scheduling anyone, I ask the volunteers to share any dates they

may not be available. I want to work around your schedule. Of course, life is unpredictable, and sometimes something comes up at the last minute that prevents a volunteer from participating. That's when having subs and having enough volunteers for the different jobs is vital.

Have you thought about sharing your time and talent with the church as a volunteer during worship services? I'd love to talk to you more about that. We will have a Ministry Fair in Founders Hall on September 17. You'll discover what types of volunteer options you might be interested in, as well as what is available. There's more than just volunteering for worship.

Do you know it takes 27 volunteers every Sunday to fill the positions we have in the combined 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. worship services?

Thank you to the many faithful volunteers who help make our three worship services each Sunday a meaningful experience. Our church is blessed by the helpers in our parish who make it possible to provide the worship services we love.

—Joan Bergstrom



Update Your Contact Information

Have you updated your contact information recently? If you haven't, now is a perfect opportunity to make sure the Cathedral has your current information.

Sign up for our email list and fill out our contact information form. Don't forget to keep your information updated in Realm, too.

Email Sign-Up Form

Contact Info Form

Realm Login

If you need help, please contact the office at 816.474.8260 for assistance.

Sunday Class

Discussions with the Dean

Sundays • 9:15 a.m.

Common Room

Beginning Sunday, September 10, “Discussions with the Dean” will begin at 9:15 am in the Common Room.

Please come join with Dean Andy as we develop topics for deeper discussion and conversation. Who knows where the Spirit will lead us?

—Dean Andy



Wednesday Class

**Speaking the Truth In Love:
Understanding and Acceptance of
Transgender Children**

Wednesdays

September 27, October 4, 11, 18

6:30–7:45 p.m. • Founders' Hall

*Presented by the Very Rev. Dr. Andrew
C. Keyse and Beth Keyse*

We will look at how the love of Christ and his command to “love our neighbors as ourselves” can lead the way to understanding and acceptance of those facing gender issues and complexities. Beth and Andy Keyse

will share their ongoing journey of walking with their transgender child and what they learned along the way. We’ll discuss learning a new vocabulary, challenging our own mindsets, finding the truth, and responding in a Christ-like way. All are welcome.

You may register through the link on at kccathedral.org/william-jewell-partnership. Cathedral members may use the coupon code **GRACE** to register free-of-charge.

—Dean Andy



Women's Bible Study

Book of Psalms

Tuesdays

12:30–1:30 p.m. • Via Zoom

WBS is currently studying the Book of Psalms. All you need is your Bible and a desire to learn about and discuss the Book of Psalms. Hope to see you as we discuss the many ways in which we have, do and will connect with God in our lives. Conversation can be lively, thought provoking, and often irreverent. We'd love for you to take part in the discussion.

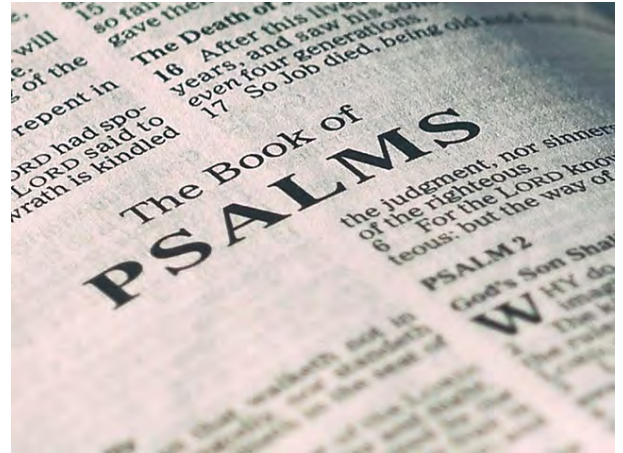
We'll be discussing our next studies, including our Advent study, soon. We'd be happy for you to be a part of deciding what's next for WBS!

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 810 8837 7522

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For more information contact **Lissa Hoeprich**.



—Lissa Hoeprich

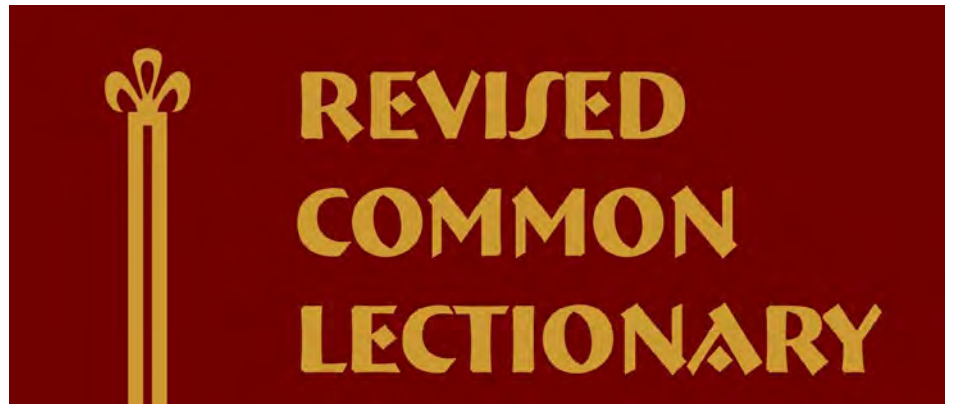
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Tuesdays

6:45 p.m. • Via Zoom

The Lectionnaires meet online via Zoom every Tuesday evening from 6:45 to 8 p.m. This is a group of 15 or so people who enjoy a back-and-forth discussion about scripture. In the last two years we have convened around the lectionary schedule and in doing so, have developed friendships with not only our fellow Lectionnaires but I daresay with the subjects themselves: Jesus, Moses, Abraham, David, Paul and Peter.



Each week another layer is applied, another reference, a deeper feeling, and sometimes a revelation. Join us by emailing the Cathedral office or reaching out to **Jeff Johnson**.

—Jeff Johnson

Autumn at the Cathedral

Here is a sneak peek at what the Cathedral has planned for this fall. Please take a look and mark your calendars! As always, you can find more information on our website, kccathedral.org.

SEPTEMBER



September

Diaper Drive for HappyBottoms—September will be the last diaper drive for the 2023 year. There currently is a need for diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6. You may leave diapers, even opened packs, in the blue barrel in the cross hall.



Monday, September 4

Labor Day—Office Closed

Faith Formation



Sunday, September 10
9:15 a.m.

Discussions with the Dean—Please come join with Dean Andy as we develop topics for deeper discussion and conversation. Who knows where the Spirit will lead us?



Sunday, September 10
10:30 a.m.

Back-to-School Blessing—Bring your backpacks and receive a blessing for this school year. Students, teachers and school administrators are all welcome.



Sunday, September 10
11:45 a.m.
Founders' Hall

Bishop Spencer Place Presentation—Join us for an introduction to Bishop Spencer Place, go over a bit of their history and ties to the Episcopal Church, as well as describing what a skilled nursing stay looks like. Stop by and get all your questions answered.



Sunday, September 10
6–7:30 p.m.

Weekly Youth Group Resumes



Saturday, September 16
1–5 p.m.

Cathedral Cup Croquet Tournament—Join us for an enchanting afternoon of outdoor fun and fellowship on the beautiful Cathedral campus. Register at kccathedral.com/upcoming-events to play on a two-person team or come to observe and enjoy the fellowship and refreshments.



Sunday, September 17
9 & 11:45 a.m.
Founders' Hall

Ministry Fair—The Ministry Fair is an opportunity for GHTC members to learn more about the ministries we offer and to participate in one or more of them. So come learn how to be a part of the growing ministries here at the Cathedral! Scan the QR code for more information.



Sunday, September 17
5 p.m.

Choral Evensong



Friday, September 22
6–8 p.m.
Church of the Good Shepherd

Diocesan Youth Game Night—On September 22, the Diocesan Youth Missioner will be hosting a Youth Game Night at Church of the Good Shepherd. Kids from 6th–12th grade will be invited for an evening of food, games and fun! **Register on the Diocesan website.**



Wednesdays, September 27, October 4, 11, 18
6:30–7:45 p.m.
Founders' Hall

Speaking the Truth In Love: Understanding and Acceptance of Transgender Children—Beth and Dean Andy will share their ongoing journey of walking with their transgender child and what they learned along the way. Find out more at kccathedral.org/william-jewell-partnership.



Thursday, September 28,
6:30–7:30 p.m.

The Kansas City Chamber Orchestra presents *Bach Is Back!—And Mozart Too*—You'll find more information in the Upcoming Music Events section on page 13. Tickets may be purchased by calling 816.960.1324 or by [visiting their event site](#).

OCTOBER



October

Trick-or-Treat so Others Can Eat—During the month of October we will be collecting food for Trick-or-Treat so Others Can Eat. All food should be shelf stable and this food will be donated to local food pantries.



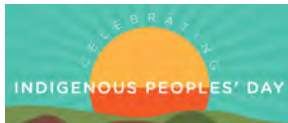
Saturday, October 7
11 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals—Bring your dog, cat, rabbit, turtle or any other pet to our Blessing of the Animals! We gather on the north lawn for a short service, blessing of each animal, and some pet and people treats. Please make sure your pet is appropriately leashed/restrained.



Sunday, October 8
10:30 a.m. during
Cathedral Kids

Blessing of the Stuffed Animals—All animals should be blessed since they bring comfort and joy. Bring your favorite stuffed animals to Church and Fr. David Wilcox, Youth Missioner for the Diocese of West Missouri will bless it during Cathedral Kids.



Monday, October 9

Indigenous People's Day—Office Closed



Sunday, October 15
8 & 10:30 a.m.

Healing Sunday—Prayers for healing and laying on of hands will be available at both morning services.



Sunday, October 15
5 p.m.

Choral Evensong



Saturday, October 21
10 a.m.–noon

The Lyric Opera of Kansas City, in partnership with GHTC, presents *Community Conversation: Sing Most Anything*—You'll find more information in the Upcoming Music Events section on page 13. To RSVP, please [visit the Lyric Opera website](#).



Saturday, October 28
7:30 p.m.

The Friends of Chamber Music presents *Quartetto di Cremona*—You'll find more information in the Upcoming Music Events section on page 13. To get all the details and to purchase tickets, please [visit the Friends of Chamber Music website](#).



Sunday, October 29
10:30 & 11:45 a.m.

Costume Blessing & Fall Festival—Wear your costume to church and get it blessed! After the service there will be trick-or-treating in the parking lot.



Continuing to Be A SERVANT CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Hard to believe summer is almost over and school is starting. All children like to start off the new school year with new school supplies. The congregation along with Outreach donated over 1,285 school supplies to Crittenton Children's Center. These supplies benefitted both children in foster care and residential. Outreach purchased 40-6 pocket expanding file folders for the residential students and due to a last-minute need for backpacks for children in foster care, Outreach purchased 48 backpacks that will be distributed at the Foster Care back to school night.

During the month of August, the congregation donated toilet paper for Shelter KC, a non-profit which helps men and women overcome addictions funding programs for meaningful rehabilitation and recovery.

September will be the last diaper drive for the 2023 year. From the first two diaper drives the congregation donated over 5,800 diapers. There currently is a need for diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6.

On September 11 a group of parishioners will be attending the Happy Bottoms Diaper Bowl a fund raiser for the only diaper bank in Kansas City. Currently they provide a monthly supply of 50 diapers to over 4,000 children in need through 60 social service agency sites.

"Trick-or-Treat so Others Can Eat" will again be the theme for the October food drive.

Deacon Barbara Wegener and I attended a kick-off meeting for the "Free Store" which will be held Saturday, January 13 at Saint James Methodist Church in eastern Kansas City. The Cathedral will be sponsoring the luncheon which will be provided by NourishKC. More will follow on volunteer opportunities as we get closer to the date.

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give!" Winston Churchill

Please contact Terri, tcurra2@yahoo.com, with any questions about these outreach activities.

—Terri Curran



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 are not enough anymore. Please consider this very special ministry of making children feel special on their birthdays. To contribute please mail your donation to the office or give [online](#).



Delivering diapers from an earlier diaper drive to HappyBottoms.



Dropping off school supplies to Crittenton Children's Center.



New Music Staff

New Associate Organist

Dr. Lucas Fletcher will be joining the Cathedral staff as the Associate Organist, and his first Sunday with us will be October 1. Lucas is currently the Director of Music Ministry at St. George's Episcopal Church in Germantown, Tennessee.

Lucas is a native of Alton, Illinois, and holds Organ Performance degrees from Illinois Wesleyan University (B.M.) and Indiana University Jacobs School of Music (M.M. and D.M.). His doctoral project dealt with the restoration and conservation of historic pipe organs. In addition to his work stateside, Lucas has studied and performed on historic organs across Europe. As a fourth-generation church musician, Lucas is passionate about sacred music and sacred art. When not focusing on these areas, Lucas enjoys a number of cultural interests including art, architecture (especially religious architecture), history, cuisine and a variety of scientific interests.

His wife, Courtney, was recently appointed Assistant Professor of Voice at the University of Kansas, and she and Lucas will be living in Lawrence. When time permits, Lucas and Courtney enjoy spending time outdoors and sharing good food.

We received many excellent applications for the Associate Organist position, and the Associate Organist Search Committee unanimously recommended Lucas's application to the Dean. Special thanks to Diane Barker, John Braum, Sharon Cheers, Bill McCandless and Charles Shipley for their work on this committee. We are excited to have Lucas as a part of the Cathedral community!



—Dr. Paul Meier

Bishop Search

The Diocese of West Missouri has begun the search for our next bishop. Previous bishops have guided us into a deeper understanding of faith. We pray that God now will lead us to find a bishop who will help us grow from who we've been and who we are to who God is calling us to be. There is a call out for volunteers to serve on one of the three committees involved in the search, so be sure to sign up if you're willing to help. Visit the search website, bishopsearch.diowestmo.org, for all the details.

Bishop Search Prayer

O Creator God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on us in the Diocese of West Missouri and guide us as we discern our call of a new bishop. O Jesus, be present in our discernment, and lead us to a shepherd who will invite us to live out the Gospel every day. O Holy Spirit, inspire us with your wisdom, and kindle our hearts with the fire of your love, that we may be renewed as we prepare to welcome the ministry of our next bishop. This we ask trusting in You. Amen.



Upcoming Music Events



Sunday, September 17 • 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 15 • 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong

A service of Choral Evensong will be offered by the Trinity Choir. This contemplative service lasts about 45 minutes and includes hymns, scripture readings, prayers, chanted Psalms, canticles and a choir anthem. With its origins in Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's Book of Common Prayer (1549), Evensong is one of the most uniquely Anglican liturgies and is sung in cathedrals and parishes throughout the world.



Thursday, September 28 • 7:30 p.m.

The Kansas City Chamber Orchestra presents *Bach Is Back!—And Mozart Too*

Working in collaboration with the International Center for Music at Park University, Maestro Bruce

Sorrell is thrilled to have award-winning pianist Kuok-Wai Lio join the orchestra to perform the amazing Mozart *Piano Concerto no. 9* and the incredible Bach *Brandenburg Concerto no. 5*. Tickets may be purchased by calling 816.960.1324 or by **visiting their event site**.



Saturday, October 21 • 10 a.m.–noon

The Lyric Opera of Kansas City, in partnership with Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, presents *Community Conversation: Sing Most Anything*

The von Trapp family's real-life story extends beyond what we see in *The Sound of Music*. After touring the United States, they settled in Vermont where they led Austrian-inspired sing weeks, uniting families through choral repertoire. In this spirit, lend your singing voice and join us in learning one of their favorite sacred pieces. All musical levels and observers are welcome! This free event includes coffee, snacks, and a concluding sing-along of favorites from *The Sound of Music*. *Sing Most Anything* will be led by Dr.

Neal Long, Director of Learning at the Lyric Opera of Kansas City, and Dr. Paul Meier, Director of Music at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. For more information and to RSVP, please **visit the Lyric Opera website**.



Saturday, October 28 • 7:30 p.m.

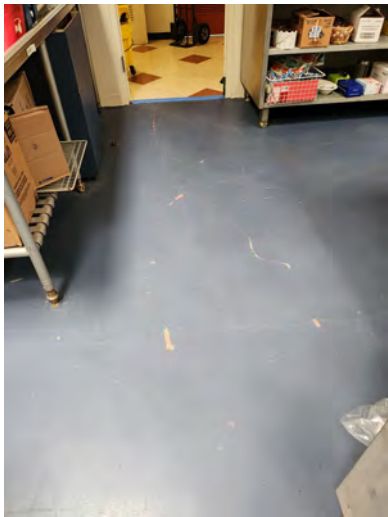
The Friends of Chamber Music presents *Quartetto di Cremona*

Praised for their "splendid balance, abundant colour, and a relaxed mastery of all musical elements" (*The Strad*), the imaginative Quartetto di Cremona makes their Kansas City debut days away from their first Carnegie Hall appearance. This string quartet, founded in 2000, will offer a program that includes works by Beethoven and Ravel, as well as the mercurial *Italian Serenade* by Hugo Wolf. For more information and to purchase tickets, please **visit the Friends of Chamber Music website**.

—Dr. Paul Meier

New Floor for Haden Hall

Recently, the Haden Hall kitchen floor received a badly needed makeover. All of the work was done by Angie Graham, Facility Manager, and Bianca Jackson, Facility Staff.



Before



After



Did You Know?

Did you know flower/candle gifts 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.

These gifts are accepted throughout the year and are acknowledged each week in the service bulletin and quarterly 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” and you will be contacted regarding your gift.

If you would like to set up an annual memorial gift on or closest to the same dates each year, simply contact Julie Toma, 816.474.8260 or jtoma@kccathedral.org. You can also contact Julie to donate for flowers on a week-by-week basis. Visit kccathedral.org/flowers for more information.

Thanksgivings and Memorials Flowers and Greens

May 7

- in thanksgiving for my grandson, Lukas McLeroy—Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for the wedding of Marin Bartow & Scott Sander

May 21

- in thanksgiving for my daughter, Betsy Leonard—Carolyn McLeroy
- in loving memory of Leona (Fiona) Schaefer—the Trinity Choir

May 28

- in thanksgiving for my son & daughter in law, Brad & Kathleen McLeroy—Carolyn McLeroy
- in memory of Margaret (Peg) Morgan—her family

June 4

- in thanksgiving for my grandson, Hank Leonard—Carolyn McLeroy
- in honor of the victims and survivors of gun violence in our country
- in thanksgiving for the ordinations of Robin Rusconi and Jody Carroll

June 18

- in thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Brittany Sparrow Savage
- in memory of my mother, Margaret (Margot) Carroll—Deacon Barbara Wegener

July 9

- in thanksgiving for my daughter & son-in-law, Betsy & Beattie Leonard—Carolyn McLeroy

July 16

- in loving memory of my daughter, Lynn—Carolyn McLeroy
- in loving memory of Joe Finnie—Jackye Finnie
- in thanksgiving for the ordinations of Brittany Renee Sparrow Savage, David Sidney Wilcox, II, Jon Ryan Williams, and Ryan Anthony Zavacky

July 30

- in thanksgiving for Devon Sweeting—Ric & Janet Sweeting



Save the Date!

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 7 • 11 a.m.