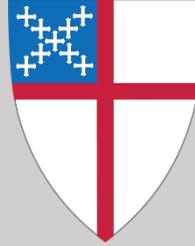


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Service streams at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings
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2026, Clerk

Weldon Elrod

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Parish Life

Joe Porter

2027, Warden

Gwyneth Hawk

2026

Kathy Meyer

2025

Outreach

Carol Hunt

2027

Jane Belanus

2025

Tristan Simpson

2025

April Calendar

- Monday, April 1: * Pastorial Care Committee (PCC) 10:00 a.m.
 * Steadfast Stitchers @ Ruth Hinson's home 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 * Baptism Instruction 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, April 2: * Minster in Falls City, Neb. 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 3: * First Wednesday Potluck Supper 5:30-7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 4: * PEO Bridge 1-3 p.m.
 * Choir Practice 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 6: * Friends In Service To St. Paul's (FIST) 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, April 7: * Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 * Vestry 11- Noon
- Monday, April 8: * Grandparents@Prayer 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 * Baptism Instruction 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, April 9: * Steadfast Stitchers @ Ruth Hinson's home 10-Noon
- Wednesday, April 10: * Happy Bookers 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 11: * Choir Practice 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 13: * Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
 * Community Meal 11-1 p.m.
- Sunday, April 14: * Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 15: * Steadfast Stitchers @ Ruth Hinson's home 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 * Baptism Instruction 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Wednesday, April 17: * Men's Group @ Depo 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, April 18: * PEO Bridge 1-3 p.m.
 * Choir Practice 7 p.m.
- Sunday, April 21: * Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 * Parish Plant Sale @ the Flower Box
- Monday, April 22: * Baptism Instruction 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, April 23: * Steadfast Stitchers @ Ruth Hinson's home 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 24: * Herald articles due
- Thursday, April 25: * Choir Practice 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 27: * CPR/ AED coarse @ Parish Hall 9 a.m.-Noon
- Sunday, April 28: * Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 29: * Baptism Instruction 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, April 30: * May Herald is published

From the Priest in Charge

Fr. Jere Hinson

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! To all who are in Northeast Kansas and Northwest Missouri who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 1:7). What a glorious Lent, Holy Week and Easter we celebrated! Take a look at the pictures and see the signs and wonders of enduring worship, gracious welcome and generous community on display. A huge THANK YOU to all of you who helped to make this possible. A special shout out to Mark our organist and to the choir for leading our voices in praise; to the Altar Guild for their creative and holy striving to have our space ready for worship; to Michelle our digital minister for the donation of equipment and skill to help us extend our embrace to those in virtual spaces; to Bruce who spent the whole night in vigil to ensure the safety of those who kept watch. The list goes on and on...thank you, thank you, thank you!

We welcomed Teddy Hood into the family of God and were delighted to host the Hood's extended family. One of my favorite things to do as a priest is to prepare people for baptism and Teddy's is but the first this year. In April at 5pm on Mondays in the Parish Hall I'll be hosting an inquirers class aimed particularly at young adults who are seeking baptism or confirmation. We won't have the bishop until next year, so I will run another confirmation/reception class in the Fall. This class, which will meet only in April and May will help at least one young adult prepare for baptism on Pentecost. Pray about it and see if you're called to come along for the journey. Companions are always welcome!

April will also feature many other opportunities to deepen and broaden your faith. We have the usual suspects of Sunday School, First Wednesday, Friends in Service to St. Paul's, Steadfast Stitchers, Community Meal, Grandparents at Prayer, Men's Fellowship at the Depot, Men's Prayer Breakfast, Choir, and Happy Bookers. Thanks to the leadership of Lisa Masterson, we'll have a CPR/AED training on 27 April. There is also a Junior High Retreat our younger people can participate in through our partnership with the diocese, as well as summer camp sign ups. I love the variety of offerings we have for people of all ages to come together and grow in wisdom and stature and favor with God and humanity (Luke 2:52).

Finally, 19-21 April I will be away at what we used to call 'mandatory fun' in the military: The Diocesan Clergy retreat being held at the Diocese of Oklahoma's camp in Wewoka, OK. I'm looking forward to this as time with our bishop, who I admire greatly, is precious. Deacon Allen will lead services and preach that Sunday. I'm so glad to have him as part of the team so please make sure to support his ministry by your presence!

In closing, please pray with me one of my favorite prayers from our prayer book (page 290):

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faithfully,
Jere+

April Birthdays

- April 6 - Kathy Meyer
Michael Streb**
- April 7 - Robert Streb**
- April 10 - Elizabeth Hoffman
Sarah McLeod**
- April 11 - Pam Cole**
- April 12 - Anthea Brosnan**
- April 13 - Laura Haberland
Shirley Franklin**
- April 22 - David Streb**
- April 23 - Sophia Nance**
- April 25 - Candy Dials
David Cotter**
- April 27 - Avery Hood**

April Anniversaries

- April 3 - Rebecca and Doug Bell**
- April 16 - Laura and John Alexander**
- April 29 - Jane and Terry Belanus**



Come Join us for Coffee Hour each Sunday after Worship! The perfect place for Ring Around the Rosie or good conversation!





April Outreach

The April Outreach Project will support the Leavenworth Council on Aging, (Meals on Wheels). The Meals on Wheels program delivers a nutritionally-balanced, hot meal to homebound individuals throughout Leavenworth County. This program ensures family

members that their loved ones will have a healthy, nutritious meals delivered to their homes, five days per week. The program also provides an opportunity for daily contact with one of our staff members or a Meals on Wheels volunteer.



Seniors who are over the age of 60, have difficulty preparing meals or have no one available to prepare a noon-day meals, and are homebound are eligible for the program.



Grandparents at Prayer (G@P)

Come join us on Monday, April 8 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We are studying “Grandparenting with a Purpose”, by Lillian Penner. Please plan to join us the second Monday of each month as we strive to learn more about how to practice intentional grandparenting with focused prayer that God will be ever present in the lives of our grandchildren. Please contact Anthea Brosnan, (913) 680-4481 or Amy Masters, (913) 240-3823 if you have any questions.

Episcopal Summer Camp registration now open

Camp Wood YMCA features a variety of activities such as horseback riding, archery, climbing tower, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, water slide, mud slide, arts and crafts, and sports. The volunteer Episcopal staff provides solid Christian education, featuring worship, music, small group discussions, and prayer.

When: June 2-8, 2024

Where: Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale, KS

Who: Young people in grades 3-12 for 2023-24 school year (you must have finished third grade to attend)

Cost: \$525 through May 1, payment plans are available.

Registration: online via UltraCamp; priority deadline is Wednesday, May 1

Scholarships: You can apply for scholarships on the registration form.



Learn more about Mega Camp. Check these out:

- Camper Testimonials (video on YouTube)
- 12 Steps to prepare you and your camper for camp
- Parent Handbook (PDF)

Help make sure every child and youth in grade 3-12 is invited to camp! Postcards will be sent to every previous participant and every parish. Share them with someone who hasn't been to camp before! Consider offering "A Night of Camp Wood" at your parish. All the details and digital files you need are available here. (<https://edokformation.wordpress.com/2023/12/20/a-night-of-camp-wood/>)

Want to serve on Episcopal Camp staff?

We need close to 50 adult volunteers to make camp happen. If you love working with young people, and want to experience a life-giving, spirit-filled week, sign-up here. Note: signing-up does not guarantee you will be approved to be a staff member. The Youth Missioner will be in touch.

Living God's Future Now

The Diocese of Kansas is pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Sam Wells for the 2024 Tocher Lecture on May 15-16 at St. Michael and All Angels, Mission, Kansas (6630 Nall Avenue). The Lecture will be a rich and engaging experience with the St. Martin's Voices choral ensemble joining from Vicar Sam's parish, St. Martin in-the-Fields, London under the leadership of Dr. Andrew Earis.



Funded through the generosity of the Diocese of Kansas' Tocher Fund for Clergy Education and the St. Michael and All Angels Foundation, this is a formation event for the clergy, musicians, and other lay leaders of parishes and institutions in the six Bishop Kemper School for Ministry partner dioceses: Kansas, Western Kansas, Nebraska, West Missouri, Missouri, and Iowa. Focusing on themes of evangelism, community and parish development, and the Church's role in God's future, Sam Wells and his musicians will gather participants for seminars and worship. Music directors are especially invited as several seminars will focus on the role of musicians in the parish-neighborhood relationship. This will be an exciting formation endeavor for the BKSM dioceses outside the classes and programs offered directly by the School. For more information including an invitation to a special preparatory book study, visit the event webpage: episcopal-ks.org/2024-tocher/
Organize a Parish Team! Parish Team of up to 4: \$100 Individual: \$50 Student (Youth, Young Adult, BKSM): \$30 Register Now!



Mental Health First Aid

Please sign up for this nationally recognized program. There is no registration fee. All participants receive a certificate and CES's may be available. The event takes place on Tuesday, April 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the KCKCC

Leavenworth campus. Lunch is provided. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Cassie Blakley, 813 753-4288.

Lenten Devotional Envelopes--Please bring your 'mite box' envelopes on behalf of Depaul Leavenworth Attainable Housing to Church on Sunday, 6 April. We will dedicate them and then send them to Sister Vicki. Alternatively, please bring by the church office before 6 April. *Father in heaven, we come before you with gratitude for our safe homes and families. Be with us as we strive to be a source of hope and light to those in need. In Jesus name we pray. Amen*

Junior High Retreat registration open

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to explore the identity they have been given through their faith. It's a new program, with new activities, and all-new experience this year!

This event also includes the popular PEEPS OLYMPICS ... that's right, we've got a variety of games all played with those sugary Easter treats! And no junior high event would be the same with a TALENT SHOW!

High school youth are invited to lead younger students through exploring their identity through faith...and plan and lead the peeps olympics!

When: April 27-28, 2024 (youth and adult staff arrive April 26)

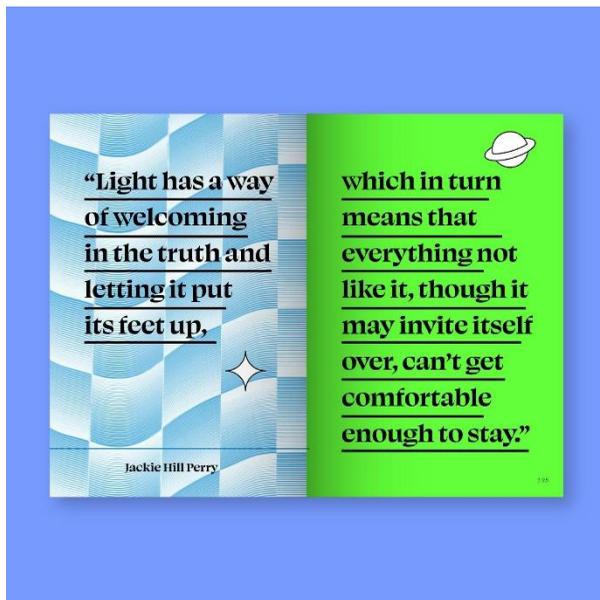
Where: St. Michael & All Angels, Mission

Who: Youth in grades 6-8 ... those in grades 9-12 are needed serve on staff

Fee: \$65 (includes all meals and your own workbook!), youth staff get a \$10 discount.

Priority deadline: Friday, April 19

More info and sign-up online at: edokformation.wordpress.com/junior-high-retreat



Easter Egg Hunt



Thank you to all who brought bags of Easter candy! We had an overabundance. After our plastic eggs were stuffed, we gave the remaining candy to the Leavenworth Mission store to give to their people who cannot afford candy for their kids. What a generous community we have!

Think Spring! Annual Plant Sale

The annual St. Paul's plant sale will be held on Sunday, April 21st at the Flower Garden Greenhouse, 30471 164th St. in Leavenworth (near the west end of Metropolitan St.) Tell them you are from St. Paul's and we will receive 10% of sales that day. if you think it is too early to plant, purchase a gift card to use when you are ready!



First Wednesday, 3 April

Join us for fellowship, food, and formation! We gather from 5:30-6pm. We eat from 6pm to 6:30pm. A program of formation follows. April will feature Fr. Jere speaking on the Spirituality of the Easter Season's Gospels. As a preview of coming attractions, in May we will host the Diocesan youth leaders, Chad Senuta, and the Rev. Karen Schlabach.

HAPPY BOOKERS has been busy reading and discussing some marvelous books! In March we discussed The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel, a World War II true story of a young woman helping hundreds of young Jewish children flee the Nazis. On April 10 th , we will look at The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah, an historical fiction about 2 sisters struggling to resist the German occupation of France during WWII. This is to prepare us for The Women (female nurses in Viet Nam) written by the same author. On May 8 th , we will discuss The First Ladies by Marie Benedict, a novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and a civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune. The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store will round out the first half of 2024 on June 12 th . Also, in June we will pick great books to read for the remainder of the year. Now that the Lenten season is over, we can resume meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday monthly. Please join us even if you haven't read (or listened to) these books. Our ladies' fellowship is sure to please you!



From the Sr. Warden:

This month the Vestry focused on many different things. First, we began investigating the requirements (and restrictions) associated with obtaining a historical preservation grant. Next, we asked Lisa Masterson, to help identify the requirements and cost to purchase an additional Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the Church. Next, we received the results of a Church Insurance inspection and began work to video the Church's possessions in case they have to be replaced. Then, we agreed to transition the Church's bookkeeping software to a cloud-based solution that is more secure and meets the diocese's stringent Personally Identifiable Identification (PII) requirements. And finally, we asked Candy Dials to generate a cost estimate to replace the tables, chairs, and silverware in the Parish House. Many thanks to those who volunteered to assist with these, and other tasks for the benefit of the Parish. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas to make things better, please reach out to myself or the other Vestry members. Thanks - Brian Hodges, brianahodges46@gmail.com, (913) 775-0125.

Palm Sunday



The Passion According to Mark

The congregation reciting verses from the Passion Gospel is read in parts led by a narrator who begins by saying: **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.**

NARRATOR: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him, for they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

NARRATOR: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who used to sneer at her, saying,

DISCIPLES: "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."

NARRATOR: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "Let her alone, why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

NARRATOR: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

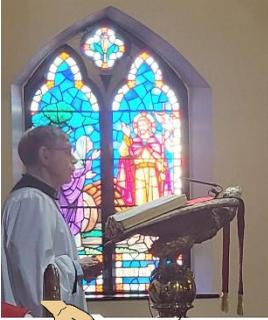
DISCIPLES: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

JESUS: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."



Maundy Thursday

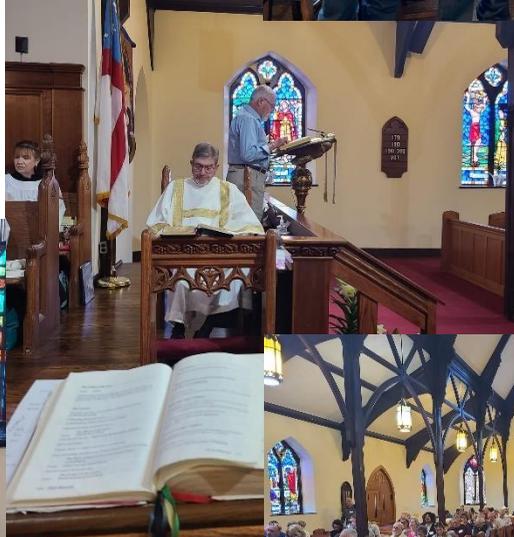


Vigil Watch



Good Friday







Ball Caps - St. Paul's ball caps in a variety of colors, first come, first served, \$15 in the parish hall after church.



Prayer List:

Norman Arnold, Richard Fiske, Betty & Phil Clark, Mark Felton, Laura Tolliver, Barbara & Tom Kessler, Mary Wilkerson, Mary Gregerson, Carol Ohlstein, Barry Rimmey, James Henry, Marge Scheele, Phyliss Downing, Randy Kamm, Charles Gravdahl, Erika Johnson, Natalie Davy, Kari Fernengel, Rosemary Litewski, Mary Masterson Stitt, Teresa Murphy, Haroldine Nisbet, Wendy Fredland, Dick and Midge Bigler, Mary Madison, E.J. and Havick Eaton, Don Andersen, Bernice Biehn, Deacon Allen Ohlstein, MaryKaye Morgan, Carrie Hazen, Bradley Pearson, Tom Darnley, Beverly Rogness, Kelly Mack, Ralph Bodenner, Bill and Boni Lages, Martha Bochette, Ryne Cormode, Erik, Donna, and Ty Benson, Sally Marshall, Robbie Jenkins, Kirsten Allen, Sylvia Salinas, Susan Jennaway, Kristen and Riley Rose Caldwell, Byron LeClerc and Mike Mendiola. **For all in the military at home and abroad.**

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