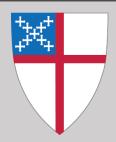
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The Herald May Edition

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2025 VESTRY TERM EXPIRES

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Brian Hodges 2026, Warden

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Gwyneth Hawk 2026

Bruce Simpson 2027

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Martha Bochette 2027

Anna "Bash" Bousfield 2026



May Calendar

Thursday, May 1st: * Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 2nd: * PEO Bridge 1-3 p.m.

Saturday, May 3rd: * Friends In Service To St. Paul's (FIST) 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 4th: * Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

* Jr. High/High School/Young Adult Gathering 5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 5th: * Pastoral Care Committee (PCC) 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 6th: * Minster Meeting in Falls City 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7th: * Sassy Seniors 1:00 p.m.

* First Wednesday Supper and Program 5:30 – 7 p.m

Thursday, May 8th: * Parish Life Committee 10:00 a.m.

* Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 10th: * Community Meal 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

* Mary Jane Gockley Funeral 2:00 p.m. - reception following

Sunday, May 11th: * Worship Service 9:30 a.m. – Mother's Day

* Organ Restoration Committee Meeting 11:00 a.m.

Monday, May 12th: * Grandparents@Prayer 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14th: * Happy Bookers 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15th: * Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 16th: * PEO Bridge 1-3 p.m.

Saturday, May 17th:

* Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

* Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

* Vestry Meeting 11:00 a.m.

* Jr. High/High School/Young Adult Gathering 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21st: * Men's Group at the Depot 9:00 a.m.

* Sassy Seniors 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 24 * War Games using Parish Hall 9am-4pm

Sunday, May 25th: * Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 26th: * Memorial Day – Office Closed

Friday, May 30th: * PEO Bridge 1-3 p.m.

Saturday, May 31st: * Norman Arnold Memorial Service 1:00 p.m.– reception to follow

From the Priest in Charge Fr. Jere Hinson

Grace and peace to the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement in Northeast Kansas and Northwest Missouri! How awesome it was to celebrate Holy Week and Easter this year



with you! Mother Ryan's sermon on being an Easter People in a Good Friday World really struck a chord with me. I feel challenged to find ways to ensure that the Risen Lord has primacy in my consciousness. There are so many challenges and so much ambient anxiety, to put on the Mind of Christ takes effort for me. It means hearing Jesus' double gift of peace—first a peace that creates stillness and harmony in middle of confusion and worry. Second, a peace, enhanced by the Gift of the Spirit, that pushes outward into the world creating a zone of Grace where others may be invited, welcomed and find healing (see John 19:19-31). As a community we also hear that message of double peace—focusing on manifesting the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; and then sharing the of that Fruit with our larger Leavenworth County, Platte City, Lake Quivira, and beyond, community.

Inside this edition of the Herald you will find all sorts of opportunities be a part of our culture of Enduring Worship, Gracious Welcome, and Generous Community. Things I know I am looking for include volunteers for the nursery, should God draw very young people to us this summer, sign ups for First Wednesday hosting (which means helping set up and break down), Coffee Hour (or as it is becoming popularly known, 'the after party'), young people for junior/senior high youth group, any summer campers (St. Paul's will pay HALF the tuition to our Diocesan camp!!), Grandparents who want to pray for their grandchildren (Grandparents at prayer meets 12 May at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall), and more—peruse the pages, particularly the calendar, and pray that the Spirit reveal where you may be called!

Finally, nothing around here happens without the amazing gifts people bring to bear in this lively faith community called St. Paul's. Many thanks to the Altar Guild, Mark our Organist/Choir Director and the Choir for their excellent support of Holy Week and Easter. Ken Jordan hand made all the Palm Crosses. The Three Sophias filled eggs with sweet yummies. Jennifer Turner spearheaded the egg hunt, adroitly pivoting to an indoor venue when the weather got iffy. Bruce Simpson kept watch all night in support of the Maundy Thursday vigil. Carol Hunt, Sarah and Sophia Berry led our canned food drive. Sarah Berry and Bash Bousfield coordinated our vestry's gift of good food for a delicious Easter Brunch. I likely have missed some folks and apologize for that. In the words of St. Paul our patron, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17). Daily I give thanks for each and every one of you!!!

May Birthdays

May 4 - Logan Berg

May 5 – Tanya Berg

Chase Sloat

May 6 – Henry Bochette

May 11 – Bruce Simpson

May 13 – Martha Bochette

May 18 – Bea Wardlow

May 26 – Laura Alexander

May 27 – Margaret Cartwright

May 28 – Kenneth Cocannon

May 31 - Eleanor Haberland

May Anniversaries

May 2 – Ray & Helen Hartjen May 28 – Adam & Jennifer Turner



From the Senior Warden:

He is Risen! This month the Vestry met virtually through Google Meet instead of in-person because the normally scheduled meeting fell on Easter. During the meeting, the Vestry decided to begin thinking about a "Rector Transition Study" to identify the requirements for transitioning Fr. Hinson from Priest-In-Charge to Rector. With the pending selection of a new Bishop of Kansas, this may be the right time to make the change because the new Bishop may not want to employ Fr. Jere as a member of his/her staff as Bishop Bascom has. We also said farewell to Sarah Berry who will be leaving the Vestry and the area in June. In her brief time on the Vesty Sarah has made a great impact and we wish her well in her new endeavors. Martha Bochette has agreed to fill the remainder of Sarah's term so Sarah and Martha will be conducting a transition for the remainder of the month. Finally, the Vestry commissioned the Audit Committee to focus the 2025 audit on all of the Church's different accounts. As always, the Vestry meetings and generated documents are open to everybody and there is always time set aside during the meetings for members of the Church to speak directly to the Vestry. Please ask me or another Vestry member and we will provide a copy of the generated documents to you. 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.

HAMS IN THE BELFRY SAVE THE ORGAN: HOW A CASH-POOR FRENCH CATHEDRAL FIXED ITS ORGAN (article courtesy of the Organ Restoration Committee)

NYTimes, Jan. 12, 2025. Struggling to raise funds for the restoration of his cathedral's antique organ, a priest from St.-Flour, a small town in France's heartland, came up with a creative solution. He turned one of the bell towers into a curing workshop where farmers could hang their hams to dry. For nearly two years, after being blessed by a local bishop, pork legs swayed in peace in the dry air of the cathedral's north tower, bringing in much-needed funds and delighting charcuterie lovers. Then an inspector for the organization that oversees France's architectural heritage stepped in. After noticing a grease stain on the floor of the bell tower, an inspector ordered the hams to be taken down in December 2023. When the cathedral refused to remove the hams, the dispute escalated all the way to the country's minister of culture.

The battle over the St.-Flour hams was widely derided as an example of how overzealous officials can quash innovative local initiatives. It also spoke to a larger issue that aging churches across France have been grappling with as they face costly reparations: Who is going to pay to maintain the country's vast religious heritage? After the French Revolution, church properties were seized by the state, which eventually took responsibility for overseeing most of them. But the central government and local municipalities have struggled to fund the maintenance of the country's cathedrals and churches.

The restoration of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, which was ravaged by fire in 2019, was funded by \$900 million in donations. But religious buildings in the rest of the country have been largely left to fend for themselves. Across France, an estimated 15,000 religious buildings out of 45,000 are classified as historical monuments. More than 2,300 of them are in poor condition, and 363 are considered endangered. "The situation is alarming," said Hadrien Lacoste, vice president of the Religious Heritage Observatory. "There's a drop in religious practice," he added, "and there's a drop in demographics in rural areas." Despite a decline in church attendance, towns like St.-Flour, which has a population of about 6,400, see their cathedrals and churches as defining elements of their identities and feel a strong need to maintain them. "We've realized that each of our churches is a little Notre-Dame, that the village without the church is like Paris without Notre-Dame," said Mathieu Lours, a French historian who specializes in religious architecture.

In France — as in elsewhere in Europe — decaying churches are often transformed into gyms, restaurants, hotels or housing. In St.-Flour, a renaissance church adjacent to the cathedral was deconsecrated and is now a market and cultural venue. St.-Flour is at the heart of Cantal, an area of France known for its green hilly landscapes and its local cheese. From a distance, the cathedra looms over the town like a fortress. Maintaining the cathedral itself was seen as an essential, if costly, town effort. "You know the saying, all roads lead to Rome?" said Patrice Boulard, the meat producer in charge of climbing the tower's 145 steps to suspend the hams there. "Well here in St.-Flour, all roads lead to the cathedral."

Funds that were supposed to be provided by the authorities for repairing the church's 19th-century choir organ never materialized. A food lover who had once managed a restaurant in Paris, M. Boyer had already set up beehives on an unused terrace of the cathedral to produce honey for sale. The bell tower was also unused space. Why not use it for hanging hams, a specialty of the region, he wondered? A local charcuterie cooperative made up of some 40 pig breeders, loved the idea, partly for the marketing potential, but also for what they believed to be the special quality of the air and conditions in the tower for curing hams. "It creates a link between business and heritage, between a product and its terroir," said Thierry Bousseau, the company's manager.

The project was approved by both state and church authorities, and the first batch of hams was put on sale in the spring of 2022, for about \$150 each, about \$50 more than what an average local artisanal ham would fetch. The profits, once costs were recouped, were given to the cathedral. About 300 hams have been sold and more than \$12,000 was spent to finally restore the organ, Mr. Bousseau said.

Most of the maturation process for the hams takes place in warehouses in a nearby town. But M. Boyer, the former rector, is convinced the three months they spend attached to the tower's wooden beams, exposed to the wind and to the bell's vibrations, is what gives the meat its special quality. "Most hams are dried in places where the hygrometry is always the same, the ventilation is always the same," said the chef of a nearby Michelin-starred restaurant. In the bell tower, "you have fluctuations, and that's what makes a product special." The thick, rosy flesh is as good as the best prosciutto from Italy or jamón from Spain, he said. His restaurant offers diners rose-shaped slices of the meat alongside other appetizers — and a bit of storytelling about its provenance.

Given the success of the tower-cured hams, Jean-Paul Rolland, who took over as rector from M. Boyer in 2022, said he decided to put his foot down when the heritage architect declared the project dangerous. "The building is dedicated to religious practice," he said, "so it's not up to the administration to tell us what we can do or not inside." The grease stain probably appeared on the age-old parquet floor long before the hams were brought up, he said. He did make some small changes, like placing carpets on the floor of the towers and barring access to visitors. But the hams will continue to hang.

In October, the culture minister announced the hams will stay. They hams have become a cause célèbre in a country that values the gastronomic offerings of small producers as much as the country's religious and musical heritage. Sales of the hams have been brisk. The Élysée Palace in Paris has a standing order for hams every three months.





HAPPY BOOKERS

Spring is upon us but here I am posting a picture of fall flowers. Have you ever wondered how Vincent van Gogh, the famous Dutch artist of Sunflowers, became popular? If so, please join us on **May 14th, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. We will be discussing the book The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar. We will also be deciding what books to read for the next couple of months so if you have read a book and you really liked it, come share it with

us so we can enjoy it as well. We will have refreshments and great fellowship. For more information contact Pam Simpson, 913 547-0120, or any of the other fabulous ladies that are in Happy Bookers! Hope to see you there!

Housing for Individuals and Families Lead to the Flourishing of All

This has been a busy third year for Depaul Leavenworth Attainable Housing program. We have expanded from managing a few rental homes to overseeing 19 houses, with more on the drawing board. Our objective has remained the same throughout this growth, "to be a part of the Leavenworth community and provide affordable, attainable and sustainable housing and supportive services in medical, educational, community building and financial needs". All our residents must have some form of employment and contribute 1/3 of their salary toward the rent.

We have now completed all the zoning and environmental assessments required to begin our next project, building four new duplexes. These duplexes are designed for single adults or couples. A floor plan for two bedrooms, living room and kitchen, full bathroom, stackable washer and dryer unit, and energy efficient appliances, these small spaces will help residents find dignity, security, and a place to call home. Plus, we are continuing to work to rehab three other empty houses, getting them ready for occupants. There are several families with children waiting anxiously for these to become available.

The path forward still holds challenges. The severe shortage of affordable housing, the growing number of families and individual facing possible homelessness and the rising cost of construction materials and supplies is of concern. Housing is a basic human need, and, with your help, Depaul Leavenworth Attainable Housing will continue to work toward homes in the community so that all may flourish and have fulling lives.

We need your help. Our Third Annual Fundraiser will continue through the month of May. Although there are no "Mite Boxes" like last year, when St. Paul's raised \$2,000., there is a convenient way to donate. Simply write a check to Father Jere's Discretionary Fund, write on the memo line Leavenworth Attainable Housing. Put it in an envelope and in the plate when the ushers come by. Simple. Fr. Jere will write one check for the total amount, (hopefully at least \$2,000.) and I will deliver it before the first of June. Also, mark the date, June 6, for an Evening of Hospitality and good food and good visiting with others in the community. It will be held at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 900 Ida Street, Lansing, beginning at 6:00. This is a wonderful evening to get together with others who support this program and learn more about what is ahead for Leavenworth Attainable Housing!



Altar flowers are a nice way to remember family or friends. The cost is now \$37.50. Please contact the church office with your requests.



Quick adjustments were made due to the weather but it did not dampen the fun and excitement of the annual Easter Egg Hunt. A BIG thank you to all that made this possible!



Lenten Lunch Bunch

Keeping Vigil in the Garden





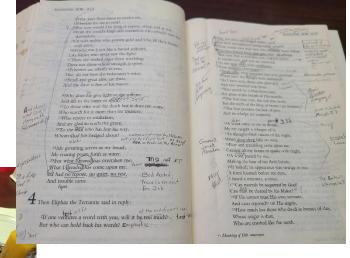
Youth and Young Adult Update from Fr. Jere

By my reckoning we have two senior high age members and about four junior high school age members. Most Sunday afternoons (check the calendar!) all are invited to meet for pizza, fellowship, Bible study, prayer and games. We meet at 5pm in the parish hall. I need a minimum of two kids to show up in order to have the gathering, unless a parent wants to stick around. When we eventually get enough critical mass I intend for us to split the groups, which will mean I'll need help. So far, we have been averaging two to three participants.

For our young adult group, 21-32, we have about a half a dozen in what I affectionately call the Gen Z Advisory Group. We meet once a month for food, fellowship, and some fun or spiritual formation activity. We've had five folks on average for this great group of people! Find out where we are meeting and crash the party if you dare!

Men's Bible Study

Join us on Saturday, May 17, 8am, for breakfast and Bible Study. We continue our delving into the Book of Job. This month we will also take a few moments to explore the three types of classical theology that are all present in the Bible!



Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship group gathers 21 May at 9am at The Depot, 781 Shawnee St., Leavenworth. Join this rowdy group of retirees to swap stories and catch up on the latest local shenanigans. Contact Bruce Simpson, bandpfarm@yahoo.com, for more information or to be included on the distribution list!



Community Meal

Gracious Welcome and Generous Community making a difference in the lives of hungry people. April's Community Meal volunteers prepared over 400 meals. If you want to be a part of this awesome group of saints show up to the Parish Hall at 9am on Saturday, 10 May, to help with the preparation. We serve our guests from 11am-1pm.



FIRST WEDNESDAY

Our April First Wednesday featured special guest Shelly Swartz, Jan Hubbard's niece. She talked with us about her work as an active learning facilitator and how it contributes to the spiritual growth of the participants.

This month please join us on 7 May as we celebrate Acts 2:47 as God adds to our number-we'll be inviting all the folks who have visited with us since last Thanksgiving for an evening of fellowship and Episcopal Trivia! Come be a part of Gracious Welcome! We gather from 5:30-6:pm, eat from 6-6:30pm, and engage the program from 6:30-7pm.



Thank you to all the volunteers of Friends In Service to St. Paul's (FIST) who work so hard to keep the buildings and grounds beautiful and in good repair.

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Are you ready for a Road Trip? Be sure to save the date (July 14-18) for this year's Vacation Bible School – Road Trip on the Go with God.



Prayer List:

Richard Fiske, Betty & Phil Clark, Mark Felton, Laura Tolliver, Barbara & Tom Kessler, Mary Wilkerson, Mary Gregerson, Barry Rimmey, James Henry, Marge Scheele, Phyliss Downing, Charles Gravdahl, Erika Johnson, Natalie Davy, Kari Fernengel, Rosemary Litewski, Mary Masterson Stitt, Wendy Fredland, Dick and Midge Bigler, Mary Madison, Don Andersen, Deacon Allen Ohlstein,

MaryKaye Morgan, Carrie Hazen, Bradley Pearson, Beverly Rogness, Bill and Boni Lages, Ralph Bodenner, Martha Bochette, Sally Marshall, Robbie Jenkins, Susan Jennaway, Byron LeClerc, Don Breckon, Jerry Blair, Pam Dickerson, Sylvia Stevens, Barbara Regnier, Barbara Gregory, Robert & Harriet McCallum, Theodore & Donna Mahoney, Milagros Alfonso, Evie Stiglmire, Jeanette Allison, John & Fernanda Biehn, Deanna Vanlerberge, Robert Meza, James Redmon, Gretchen Miles, and Sid & Mary Breese. For all in the military at home and abroad.

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