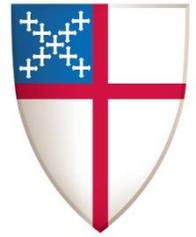




St. John's Episcopal Church and Day School

Alamogordo, New Mexico

Our Mission is to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel
and to seek and serve Christ in all people



2019 - October Newsletter

From the Rector's Desk,

In preparation for this article, I have been thinking back over my last three years working with Native Americans in an academic setting. October has a very special meaning to the Navajo and some of the other tribes of New Mexico. It is the beginning of the New Year, but its significance runs deeper than that. It is an in-between month, and that is where I think that we can find common ground with that tradition.

Late Spring, the whole of Summer, and early Autumn are times of planting, ranching, and harvesting. In October, the first snows usually gather on the tops of the mountain ranges that border the North of the traditional Navajo territory. From the moment the first snow is seen, the energy on the reservation changes. People begin preparing to spend less time outside and more time gathered around the hearth telling sacred stories and playing sacred games. The emphasis changes from day-to-day labor to building up relationships between the generations of the family.

We are preparing to tell some of our most important, sacred stories also. We live significantly farther South and may finally be spending more time outside than we have been able to do all Summer because of the heat, but we still feel the transition. Soon we will spend time recounting the Saints that have touched our lives in ways that run deep. Soon we will celebrate the harvest. Before we know it, we will gather together with the quiet expectancy of Advent.

For now, however, let us lean into way this in-between time feels, with its cool wind in the leaves. Let us enjoy the fruits of the harvest. Let us savor these final moments of ordinary time before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season are upon us. Thank you for the privilege of being your Rector. Blessings from...

Your Brother in Christ,

The Rev. Michael Peter Drinkwater

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The Rev. Michael Drinkwater

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Connie Broughton

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Tom Lubenau

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Randy Burroughs

Junior Warden:

Ann Bagby

Treasurer:

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Altar Guild:

Jane Bedwell

Community Kitchen:

Bill Henchar

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The Rev. Michael Drinkwater

Lectors:

The Rev. Michael Drinkwater

Mission and Outreach:

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From the Senior Warden

St John's Episcopal Church is one of God's many mansions. It has many rooms. I have some favorites. The library has soft couches and a whole wall of bookshelves and books. I am sure we all have attended meetings in the library - cozy and comfortable. Sometimes I will pick a book at random and flip through the pages. Yes, I look at the pictures.

The columbarium is located outside the north wall of the sanctuary. It is quiet and peaceful. It contains ashes of those who have gone on before. That is part of our long history at St John's. Susan Morrison and her family lead and encouraged the creation of the St John's columbarium. It is dedicated to the memory of their son, Michael.

I have entered the sanctuary at St John's many times. On entry one is looking directly at the altar and the altar screen. It is a magnificent sight. I usually arrive at church at 7:30 for the 8 o'clock service. This gives me time for prayer and reflection. It also gives me time to look at the beauty of the sanctuary. On the right hand side the stain glass windows depict verses and scenes from the gospel of John. On the left hand side are impressions and verses from the Book of Revelation. As I start my prayers I see the Good Shepherd window near the altar; the large Good Shepard is complimented by the narrow windows on the north wall.

As I continue to pray the Alter Screen comes into focus. I sometimes focus on one panel for a few seconds and then the whole screen becomes a panorama of our Christian faith. Soon the most important feature of St John's enters the sanctuary. These are the people of St John's. The altar party enters and we concentrate on our worship of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is at the center of my trip around St John's.

Randy Burroughs

From our seminarian

Greetings, Dear Sisters and Brothers; I thank God and I thank you for the wonderful warmth and friendly welcome I have already experienced among you! My name is David-Luke Henton, and I am delighted and excited to be with you at St. John's as your seminarian in field placement. I want to especially thank Fr. Drinkwater for his generosity and willingness to supervise and train me, and I look forward to serving at St. John's!

I am a Life Professed Brother of the Brotherhood of St. Gregory (www.gregorians.org), a canonical religious community of the Episcopal Church. My home church is Ascension in Cloudcroft, and I also serve with our diocesan Rio Grande Borderland Ministries. I am a postulant for the priesthood, and am in the second year of the three-year Bishop's School for Ministry, one year behind St. John's own Philip Chandler. This is actually my second experience with seminary, as I earned an M.A. in Spiritual Formation from the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin in 2009.

I retired from full-time employment in December, 2015, after a nearly 30-year career in social work and social work education. I am married to Tim Kruse, with whom I have been blessedly partnered for 34 years, and together we offer a seasonal hospitality and retreat ministry in Cloudcroft. Though I am a "cradle Episcopalian", my prayer life caught fire and came alive here in the southern mountains of New Mexico over 20 years ago. I feel profoundly blessed to now live and pray and serve in this sacred landscape of deserts and mountains, both of which feed my soul and remind me daily of God's creative power, goodness and grandeur.

In addition to the Holy Eucharist, Christian community, the ministry of the Baptized, and the Daily Office, things that bring joy to my life include: singing, playing bridge, travel, snorkeling, and experiencing the Creator while praying and recreating in the natural world. A guilty pleasure is college football, and though I am a Texas Longhorn for life, my fall college gamedays today are more likely to be spent at Aggie Memorial Stadium in Las Cruces. Go Aggies!

I hope to be here at St. John's for the next two years, and serving weekly September through May, except for Seminary and Brotherhood retreat and service weekends. I look forward to learning from, serving with, and getting to know each of you! Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone the Glory),

With love and gratitude,

David-Luke, BSG

From the Day School

OCTOBER

Bible Verse: The ravens brought (Elijah) bread and meat. I Kings 17:6

ANNIVERSARIES: MS. KARLA – 25 years

Special Dates: We will be closed October 14th for Columbus Day.

Special Events: Our Harvest Fair will be Friday, October 25th.
Fire Department will be visiting the school this month.

News:

October is also picture taking month! Teddy Bear Portraits will be here October 2nd & 3rd - in the morning.

If you would like to have pictures taken, please call the school office for an appointment (434-2755). The photographer happily does adults, children, and even dogs (Ms. Daisy has her picture taken every year).



Harvest Fair: There will be games, a jumping castle, story time, tropical sno, and other fun stuff. This event will take place in front of the school/church. The times are 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Fire Department: This month the fire department will show up with their firetrucks and allow the students to walk through them. Then they will talk to the students about what to do in case of a fire and about calling 9-1-1. Then they dress in their entire fire uniform (including oxygen tank) as the students watch. Everything that a firefighter would be wearing if he were to come in to save us from a fire is what he put on. It is scary once he is dressed in all his gear, but our students are brave!



Time to paint in Ms. Hortencia's class!



Evan and Harper leading the pledges.

From the Community Kitchen

Greetings,

Recently the Community Kitchen had it's annual state inspection. We are pleased to say that we passed with flying colors!

Unfortunately, as of now, we do not have any groups/organizations to serve on October 29th or 31st. Therefore, St John's will pick up the slack and provide meals on those days. If anyone is willing and able to help out, it would be much appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Many blessings,

Bill and Kathy Ann

Community Kitchen Serving Schedule - October

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| October 1 | 49 th MDG |
| October 3 | 49 th EMS |
| October 8 | LRS & FSS Senior NCO |
| October 10 | St. Joseph's Mission |
| October 15 | Christ Community Church |
| October 17 | Retired Teachers |
| October 22 | St. John's Episcopal Church |
| October 24 | First Presbyterian Church |
| October 29 | St. John's Episcopal Church |
| October 31 | St. John's Episcopal Church |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diocesan Newsletter

Click on the link below to read the current issue of *TOGETHER* online:

<https://www.dioceserg.org/NewsEventsMinistries/together-newspaper>

Diocesan Weekly E-newsletter

Click on the link below to read issues of *In the Loop* online:

<https://www.dioceserg.org/NewsEventsMinistries/in-the-loop>

Women of the DRG

For news about Women in the Diocese of the Rio Grande please visit:

<http://varietiesofgifts.blogspot.com/>

Bishop's Ridge: Stoney Camp & Recreation Center

For information about Camp Stoney and recreational or retreat opportunities please visit: <http://www.bishopsridge.org/>

St., John's Luncheon

The monthly St. John's luncheon will be Friday, October 11, 2019, at 11:45 am at Carinos.

The Gospel of John

Continuing in October, please join us for a new formation offering between the first and second service. We will be covering the Gospel of John. Please come, whether you have some experience with Bible Study or none at all. This is one of Father Michael's favorite books of the Bible and it is the work of our patron, St. John. Bring your bible, the more translations we have the better.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Seminar

The Brotherhood is a group of men who engage in the study of scripture and service. We currently meet each Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. for a Bible seminar in the Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center cafeteria. All men and women from the community with an interest in the study of scripture are invited to attend.

Additionally, the men of the Brotherhood meet each first and third Saturday at 9:00 a.m. BEFORE the Bible seminar. For more information please contact Clark Magruder at two.blackstones2@gmail.com.

Lattes with the Padre

Join the group for coffee and conversation, "Lattes with the Padre", Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Plateau Espresso in Lowe's Signature Grocery. We have an open discussion on topics of general interest, so please come and join us!

Caring card ministry

We send out cards for all occasions. If you or someone you know would like a card sent, please let me know. We send out get well, thinking of you, praying for you and sympathy cards. We would like to help you celebrate the joyous occasions as well; so, if you haven't signed up on our birthday (we just need month and day-NO YEARS) and anniversary lists, please do so. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hall. If you prefer, you may contact me directly: Sharon Kelman email: ke4zia@gmail.com or 757-718 9451 call or text.

Pet Prayer Chain

Many people in our congregation have pets. We all love our pets. They are part of our family. When they are sick, elderly or lost, it is a comfort to know that our church family is praying for them as well as us. If you have or know of a pet that could benefit from our ministry, please let me know. Please consider joining our pet prayer chain volunteers. You may contact: Sharon Kelman email:ke4zia@gmail.com or 757 718-9451 call or text. Women's Prayer and Support Group

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

We have four birthdasy this month: Deacon Aileen Walther (10/7), Lloyd Jenkins (10/8), Morgan Wilcox)10/9) and Nancy Gregory (10/22). Happy Birthday to all!

There are no October anniversaries!

Space City Evening Sertoma

Sertoma meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please call 437.8046 for more information or feel free to attend a meeting!

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