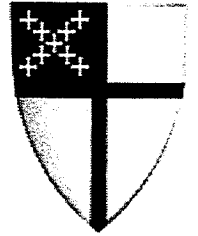


St. John's Episcopal Church and Day School

Alamogordo, New Mexico

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



2022 – October Newsletter

Greetings in this sacred time,

It seems odd to say that during Ordinary Time, but we can already feel the changes which begin in October. The air is already cooler, and in our bones we remember the times when our ancestors from all over the world gathered together to share their sacred stories around a warm fire as frigid air moved outside. By the time the next Newsletter comes out, All Saints' day will be upon us.

As I am writing this article, I am preparing to go to David-Luke's ordination to the Priesthood. It is an exciting time for him and us. I can feel the possibilities of his ministry as it takes shape in the diocese and it is important to remember in that moment how important a role each of you played and continue to play in his formation. As we prepare for the coming sacred time of winter, let us remember the extraordinary and ordinary times we shared in the past years, remembering that God works through our community to build up the servants and leaders to carry on the work of the church in new times and places.

Let us also rejoice at the new ministries that we have gathered around in the last year, knowing that the God who calls us is faithful and invites us to participate in the healing of our world and our community in new ways. Blessings from...

Your Brother in Christ,

The Rev. Michael Peter Drinkwater

August 23, 2022 - St John's Episcopal Church, Alamogordo, NM - Summary of Vestry Meeting Minutes

With a full Vestry in attendance, Fr. Michael brought up the consent agenda items. These included the June and July financials, and minutes from the June vestry meeting. There was no vestry meeting in July. A question was raised about the new line item, "new use if needed." Fr. Michael explained that this line item was for gifts we had received in June. One gift was undesignated, and one was for a piano fund. A question was raised about what appears to be an underpaying of our rector. Fr Michael explained that this was part of an agreement with the Day School earlier in the year that they would provide funds to pay Fr. Michael when the Church account was low. Fr. Michael has been receiving his full salary package due to the Day School's help. Nancy moved that the financials be accepted, Steve seconded the motion, all voted to accept the motion.

Steve made a motion to accept the vestry minutes for the June meeting. Sharon seconded the motion, and all voted to accept.

Fr Michael's report included an update on Hannah, our new Music Educator/Director. She is doing well, working on getting a new choir started, gathering prospective materials, and she has started making observations at the Day School. Communication is going well at the Day School. There have been slow and steady changes with Children's Chapel, plans for the next Christmas program, and in summary many exciting things at a pace that Fr. Michael supports.

Tony Burnett has indicated a desire to be our treasurer. Nancy gave some of Tony's history, his work background and the many ways he has helped at the church. She then moved to elect him treasurer. Steve seconded the motion, and all voted to elect Tony as our treasurer.

Fr. Michael next described a recent lunch meeting he had with Fr. Scott Ruthven, the head of the Bishop's School for Ministry. Fr. Scott offered Fr. Michael a job as parttime tutor. The school meets once a month for a Friday, and Saturday, which seems like a schedule that would be workable. Fr. Michael's intention is to try it out to insure it doesn't negatively impact his ministry at St John's. This may open a possibility for some financial help from the Diocese for his package at St. John's. The vestry indicated their support of Fr. Michael trying out this parttime job.

The next topic was a discussion of having a potluck for David-Luke as he prepares for ordination to the priesthood and a call to a new church. Fr. Michael is excited to sing Evensong tomorrow evening with David-Luke. And Fr. Michael will be one of the presenters in El Paso when David-Luke is ordained on Sept 24. David-Luke will be with us two more Sundays, the 1st and 3rd Sundays in September and he will preach on the 18th. Let's have the potluck on that day. Sharon and Joyce volunteered to be in charge of the potluck arrangements.

Nancy gave her report to note that she, Tim Schultz and Fr. Michael are working on an update to our chancel screen booklet. Fr. Michael suggested that as soon as we have a proof ready, that the vestry pass a motion to dedicate the booklet to the memory of Rick Bedwell. It was Rick's particular dream that the booklet be updated. That dedication could then be added to the booklet.

Fr Michael then discussed how very appreciative he and the vestry are for all the hard work our Junior Warden John has put in to keeping the buildings in good repair. It appears that the roof leaks have stepped up and we need to call in a roofer. Steve gave a summary of what he found when he arrived Saturday. He located a roof leak, about midway up through the shiplap in the nave. Steve will get us some leads for licensed roofers and Fr. Michael will look for records of who installed a new roof we think about 3 years ago. Then we will proceed with getting estimates for repairs on the roof over the nave and over the kitchen.

Sharon made a motion to adjourn at about 4:32 pm. Fr. Michael led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Schedule of Sunday Readings

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
2-Oct	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Psalm 37:1-10	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
9-Oct	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
16-Oct	Genesis 32:22-31	Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
23-Oct	Sirach 35:12-17	Psalm 84:1-6	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18	Luke 18:9-14
30-Oct	Isaiah 1:10-18	Psalm 32:1-8	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10

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Date	Sunday	Reader - 8:00	Reader - 10:15	Acolyte	Preacher	Altar Guild
2-Oct	Pentecost 17	John	Yvonne	Nancy	The Rev. Michael Peter Drinkwater	Kelman
9-Oct	Pentecost 18	Randy	Nancy	Sharon	The Rev. Michael Peter Drinkwater	Henchar
16-Oct	Pentecost 19	Sharon	Sharon	Steven	The Rev. David-Luke Henton, BSG	Van Vliet
23-Oct	Pentecost 20	John	Hannah	Nancy	TBA	Elliott
30-Oct	Christ the King	Nancy	Sharon	Sharon	TBA	Kelman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Irvin (10/5), Aileen (10/7), Lloyd (10/8), Morgan (10/9), David Luke (10/18), Erika (10/22) and Debra (10/28)

Blessing Bag Ministry

Blessing Bags contain **travel** size items (i.e. hand sanitizer, small note books, toothbrush, toothpaste, pens, pencils, shampoo, deodorant, granola bars, soap, tuna/cracker packs, underwear, socks etc). We place several of the items in a gallon storage bag and distribute them to those in need. Currently, we are working closely with COPE and local partners in addition to Rio Grande Borderland Ministries.

If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please contact Sharon Kelman at 757 718 9451 or email ke4zia@gmail.com. You may bring any items you purchase to the church and deposit them in the bag that is located in the Narthex any Sunday.

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 Parish Hall. All men and women from the community with an interest in the study of scripture are invited to attend. This will be restarting the Saturday following labor day.

Caring card ministry

I would like to thank everyone who has donated cards, stamps and stickers to this ministry. We would like to help you celebrate **ALL** occasions. So, if you haven't signed up on our birthday (we just need month and day-**NO YEARS**) and anniversary lists, please do so. If you know of someone who may enjoy receiving one of our cards, please let me know. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. 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 David-Luke or Nancy know.

Daily Office

Morning Prayer is offered Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m. Evening Prayer is offered Monday through Friday at 4:00 p.m.

Links to these services can be found on the website.

Formation Hour

Join us on Sundays at 9 for our Bible Study on Deuteronomy. Been to a lot of bible studies? None? All are welcome.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you knit or crochet? Are you interested in doing it as part of an ongoing spiritual practice that gives back to the community? If you are and would like more information, like patterns or prayers, please contact Joyce at joycesummers@mac.com