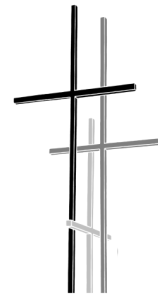




Saint Francis Journal

September, 2022



A Loving Community, Serving God's Kingdom



LOVE GOD
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
CHANGE THE WORLD



Grace and peace be yours in abundance through knowledge of God and Jesus Christ our Lord!

The month of September is when we begin our new cycle of worship ministries. These are important ministries in the life of the church here at St. Francis. These worship ministries allow lay persons, who have the desire, to serve the church and its members in this particular manner. All of this you know from my article in the Journal from last month.

This month I am once again pointing to the ministries of the church. Not only the worship ministries, but also all the various ministries of the church both within and outside the church, such as Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Quarterly Neighborhood Gathering, Lenten Lecture Series, and Missional Community Ministries. I will tell you a little bit about these pre-pandemic ministries St. Francis lay persons chaired.

As a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, you get the opportunity to distribute the elements of bread and wine to our home friends. On Sunday during the service you attend, you receive the blessed elements in a communion kit following the Eucharist. You then travel to a home friend's residence and have a short liturgy where you share the bread and wine. There should also be a little time for fellowship and visiting. You may take eucharist to multiple people in one day. I was at the bedside of a former parishioner that used to be a Eucharistic Visitor. He was "made" to help his wife. When he became a home friend, he discovered how important this ministry is. We are ready to restart this ministry. Do you feel called?

In our past Quarterly Neighborhood Gatherings, we invited the neighborhood to join us at a cookout, an ice cream social, an Easter Egg Hunt, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, as well as other events. At first this was an attempt to understand the needs of our local community neighbors so that we

could see if there is anything we could do to be a good community partner. It turns out what the neighborhood needed was a central location to meet, break bread, and get to know one another. It was so important that neighbors, not even associated with St. Francis, would call us their neighborhood church, and donate money to keep the ministry going. We are ready to restart this ministry. Do you feel called?

During the Lenten Lecture Series, we invited members of the congregation on a Wednesday evening during Lent to speak about their vocation through the 'Lens of the Bible'. It turned out to be a wonderful series where we all learned something and got to know our fellow congregants even better. New lecture ideas include talks from different faith communities or traditions. We would like to restart this ministry. Do you feel called?

Missional Communities are ministries of St. Francis where we gather people that are not necessarily members of the congregation. We started a ministry where we helped people from the LGBTQ+ community find a place where they can feel safe and have conversations about God with peers and allies. This ministry led to a church plant named St. Clare's. We have a ministry called Young at Heart to provide programs for the older members of the church and community, such as Tai Chi, and a food delivery ministry for local home friends and home-bound community members. We have a ministry named God's Grace where people that are taking care of partners full time can get a break and talk to other people in the same situation. These ministries change lives. Do you feel called to start a missional community?

Later in this Journal, you will find a list of our current ministries, and ministries that are no longer active. Do you see one you want to help with? Do you see one you want to revive? Do you have a new idea for a ministry? Do you feel called?

Moses, Isaiah, and Jeremiah did not feel called or equipped to be prophets. Peter denied Jesus, and Paul persecuted Christians. If you have doubts about running a ministry, don't let that doubt stop you. With God all things are possible! So be brave, or even be scared, and sign up. God's got this! (And you do too, with God's help!)

God's Peace,
 Mitch+



VESTRY

- Pat Sarubbi, Senior Warden (2022)**
- Sheila Thrash, Junior Warden (2022)**
- Marley Johnson (2022)**
- Sara Back (2023)**
- Todd Lestage (2023)**
- Paul Streufert (2023)**
- Doug Clark (2024)**
- Nancy Earls (2024)**
- Lisa Kraus (2024)**
- Kathy Dunn, Clerk**

CHURCH STAFF

- The Rev. Mitch Tollett, Rector**
- The Rev. Joel McAlister, Curate**
- Dr. Cameron Rose, Director of Music**
- Sheila Thrash, Children/Youth Director**
- Carol Lanthrum, Parish Administrator**
- Susan Kohler, Treasurer**
- Alberto Cruz, Sexton**

'Old Time Religion' Sunday

Sept. 4th * 10:45 am Service

Come sing and hear some songs from your or grandparents' childhood!

A Word from Joel...



My Upcoming Pastoral Focus

An aspect of my curacy here at St. Francis is to continue gaining experiences that will help prepare me for my future ministry placement. One way that I will be gaining that experience over the next few months will be by spending time in a program called Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). This program's focus for me is to have at least 15 hours of pastoral meetings every week and also spend time with a cohort of other students where we listen and share about our pastoral experiences. The way that I will be carrying out this responsibility is by meeting with parishioners and people associated with St. Francis each week, especially with those who do not have as much access to transportation. I will be making home visits, Eucharistic Visits, home food deliveries, and meetings in my office. So, please consider if you might like to meet with me to talk about life, spirituality, God, etc. and don't be surprised if I ask if you'd like to meet with me sometime soon! I'm excited for this new emphasis in my ministry and I hope that it will lead to new and deepening relationships within the community.
Blessings, Joel+

Men's Breakfast
Sat * Sept 3rd * 9am
Parish Hall



Conversation on Race
Sun * Sept 11* Noon
Adult Ed Room



**Serendipity
Dinner
& Pool Party**
Sat. Sept. 10th
4p to 7p

Cabell/Kraus Home
Sign up in Hallway



DOK Meeting
Sat * Sept 3rd * 9am
Adult Ed Room
Nat'l Guide—Study 10

Church Under a Bridge
Lunch Prep
Sat. Sept. 3rd 10am
Ed Building



Meet Your Vestry

By Gloria Coughenour

Nancy Earls was born and spent her early years in Ft. Collins, Colorado. She and her husband Donald came to us by way of several states. They moved to Tyler to be close to their son Ira, who unfortunately passed away in December. They also have a son who lives in Elkhart, Kansas.

Nancy is a speech pathologist and spent much of her career working in schools. She is multi-talented: loves to knit, crochet, and make jewelry. She and Donald visited other churches in the Tyler area but came to us because we were the friendliest. Nancy has been an Episcopalian since the age of four when she attended an Episcopal church with friends. Her parents then began to attend church with her.

When asked her vision for the future of St. Frances, she said she was happy to see the church growing again. She loves to see so many young people attending church.

We are blessed to have Nancy and Donald as a part of our church family and Nancy as a member of our Vestry.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Claire Hodges (9/3)

Gipsy Schneider (9/5)

Stephen Haltom (9/6)

Jon Stone (9/8)

Mary Hood (9/8)

Linda Glenn (9/13)

Cindy Meyer (9/15)

Susie Cummins (9/16)

Lee Ashwood Stone (9/17)

Earl Boudreau (9/19)

Tristan Jones (9/22)

Doug Clark (9/29)

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Pamela & Stephen Haltom (9/28)

Lara & Edward Tabri (9/30)

St. Francis Ministries

Do you feel Called?

Current Ministries	Contact
October Meeting for Voting	Administration
Vestry Member (3 Positions)	OPEN
Delegate (4 Positions)	OPEN
Bishop's Visit	Altar Guild
Christmas Pageant	Youth Ministry
Women's Tea	DOK
Annual Parish Meeting	Administration
Shrove Tuesday	Vestry
Ash Wednesday	Worship Ministry
Ashes To Go	Worship Ministry
Lenten Lunches	DOK
Lenten Noonday Services	Worship Ministry
Holy Week	Worship Ministry
Easter Day Youth Activities	Youth Ministry
Blessing of the Animals Event	Janice Teasdale
Blessing of the Animals Liturgy	Worship Ministry
Pastor Appreciation Month	DOK
Vacation Bible School (VBS)	OPEN
Ice Cream Social	Choir
Stewardship Committee	Fr. Mitch
Blood Drive	Kathy Dunn
Worship Ministry Signup	Administration
Serendipity	OPEN
Men's Breakfast	John Bridges
Daughters of the King Meeting	DOK
Church Under A Bridge	Sandra Dugan
Worship Ministries	OPEN
Choir	Dr. Cameron Rose
Handbell Choir	Susan Kohler
Altar Guild	Norma Gagliano
Pets Fur People Donations	Janice Teasdale
PATH Donations	Fr. Mitch
Bible Study (Wednesday)	Fr. Mitch
Adult Ed (Sundays)	Sheila Thrash
Primary Education (K-5)	Sheila Thrash
Youth Education (Jr. High - Sr. High)	Sheila Thrash
Young at Heart	Lisa Kraus
God's Grace	Nancy Earls
Eucharistic Visitor	Fr. Mitch
Safeguarding Coordinator	Fr. Mitch
Invite, Welcome, Connect	Kathy Clark

Past Ministries (Open for restarting)	
Safeguarding Trainer	
Missional Communities	
Fifth Sunday Outreach - Visit Assisted Living	
Fifth Sunday Outreach - Laundry of Love	
Garden Club	
Anglican Rosary	
Thanksgiving Luncheon	
Community Connections	
Hospitality	
"Souper" Bowl	
Back to School Party	
Operation Christmas Child	
Backpack Blessing	
Lenten Dinners	
Lenten Talk Series	
St. Francis Bakers	
Rum Cakes	
Duffle Bags of Hope	
Contact Ministry (Phone Tree)	
Quarterly Neighborhood Gatherings	
Operation Christmas Stocking (for soldiers)	

Worship Ministry	
Worship Ministries - 8:30am	
Sr. Acolyte/Eucharistic Minister	Fr. Mitch
Greeter	Fr. Mitch
Usher	Fr. Mitch
Reader	Fr. Mitch
Worship Ministries - 10:45am	
Sr. Acolyte	Fr. Mitch
Eucharistic Minister 1	Fr. Mitch
Eucharistic Minister 2	Fr. Mitch
Reader	Fr. Mitch
Usher 1	Fr. Mitch
Usher 2	Fr. Mitch
Greeter 1	Fr. Mitch
Greeter 2	Fr. Mitch
A/V	Fr. Mitch
Teller	Fr. Mitch
Children Sunday School & Chapel	Sheila Thrash

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Celebrate

the work of our hands

Labor Day

September Special Events

Sat. Sept. 3, 9 am

Men's Breakfast—Parish Hall
DOK Meeting—Adult Ed Room

Sat. Sept 3, 10:00 am

Church Under a Bridge Prep—Ed Bldg

Sun. Sept. 4, 10:45 am

Old Time Religion Sunday

Sat. Sept 10, 4p to 7p

Serendipity/Pool Party at Cabell/Kraus

Sun. Sept 11, noon

Conversation on Race—Adult Ed Room

Tues. Sept. 20, 6 pm

Tyler In Common—Sanctuary

Sun. Sept 24, 9:30 am

Worship Ministry Training—Nave

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS for SEPTEMBER

Subject to change due to COVID restrictions

Sunday

Nursery available from 8:00 am—1:00 pm

- 8:30 am: Rite I—No music
- 9:30 am: Adult—Gospel Discussion—Adult Ed Room
Children—Sunday School—Children's Ed Room
- 10:45 am: Rite II—Traditional Music
Broadcast Live on Facebook
- 6:00 pm: Yoga—Children's Ed Room

Wednesday

- Noon: Noon Eucharist
- 12:30 pm: Bible Study—Parish Hall
- 2:00 pm: Widows Support Group—Parish Hall
- 2:00 pm: God's Grace—St. Clare's
- 7:00 pm: Choir Practice—Sanctuary

Thursday

- 5:00 pm: Handbell Practice—Music Room