

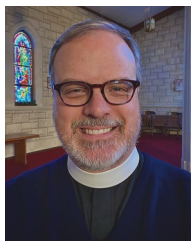


The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



Around this time each year, we start to snap our streak of hot-temperature days. The bugs make their songs earlier in the day and

seem to go on forever. What's left of the lawn perks up a little. The kids and grandkids go off to school to continue their learning, or find themselves very much in the world as they navigate new adventures.

Typically, summer is meant to level-set us as we seek old ways to balance our lives between work and play, industry and leisure. This time is supposed to be our crucial opportunity to reset expectations and get our minds and priorities right. Rediscovery of self and who and what God is calling us to be is a possibility.

All this is to say, I'm preaching to myself. This summer was a bit of a sprint for me. Our musical program transitioned to a new dynamic. General Convention took up the last few weeks of June and the first few weeks of July. And I injured myself about halfway through, setting up six weeks of "fun." I was able to get a few days off, but you know how that goes: you do more work getting ready to be gone than if you'd just stayed put.

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get plugged in

MINISTRY FAIR 2022

GRACE
Cathedral

Sunday, September 11

9:30 — 10:15 a.m. and following the 10:30 service
in the Cathedral Nave

**This event is an opportunity for you to get to know what ministries
Grace offers and to participate in one or more of them.**

Come be a part of the growing ministries at Grace Cathedral!

As a leader in a spiritual community, I'm aware that I'm modeling certain behaviors for all to see. Some of that can be good, some can be not so good. I do know that my constant busy-ness does not significantly add to the overall life and culture of the Cathedral. Prayer, retreat, contemplation, and study are of paramount importance. Bishop O'Neill, from Colorado, used to say, "My first job is to be a person of prayer. If I don't do that, nothing else of what I do will be done half as well." I think about that a lot. I've tried to follow his model and example.

Add to that list the importance of stopping every once in a while, opening up to God in a new way, slowing down long enough to listen to the Holy Spirit, or reading for the pure pleasure of it. Even good old fashioned boredom and "doing nothing" have their necessary place in the life of faith and creativity.

Perhaps I'm preaching not just to myself but to you as well. Life has been particularly pitched and difficult the past few years. We need to learn to slow down, check in with ourselves and others, and be deliberate about our pace.

Church people like to say that "God is in the details." We often think that means what we produce, make, or distribute. But perhaps God is equally in the details of these long, languishing days of summer when nothing in particular is expected and we can be open to hearing in new ways.

—Torey+



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION to begin September 11

9:30 a.m. for all ages



Sunday School—Pre-K through 5th Grade, Sloan Hall (2nd floor)

We are ready for another fun year of Sunday School beginning September 11! Thank you to Kitty Fapp and Sharon McCourt Ostrowski for teaching again this year!

Middle & High School, Sloan Hall (2nd floor)

Christian Education Director Kathy Smith is looking forward to teaching the Middle & High School class.

For anyone interested in Youth Confirmation next spring, there will be a planning meeting on September 11 during class for students and parents.

Youth Group, Sunday afternoons, 5-7 p.m.

Sunday afternoons are Youth Group time for Middle & High School kids! We already have a fun schedule planned with some additional events, like a trip to Worlds of Fun on October 22 with the Youth Groups of First United Methodist Church & First Presbyterian.

If you have questions about any of the Sunday School, Youth Group or Confirmation classes, please contact Kathy Smith, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries, at knsmith@gracecathedraltopeka.org.

Adult Forum, All Saints Hall

September 11: While children and youth will begin their Sunday School classes on September 11, adults are invited to the Cathedral for our Ministry Fair (see cover for details).

September 18: "The Loving Gaze: The Spirituality of Loving Awareness in All Things," using the maxims of Brother Lawrence in daily life. Facilitated by the Reverend Canon Lisa Senuta, Canon for Spiritual Life and Clergy Care for the Diocese of Kansas.

September 25: "Harvest Foods of the Bible" — Kansans are perhaps more keenly aware of harvesttime than city dwellers in the country's largest metropolises. In biblical times, communities were all involved in the harvest and mindful of its impact on individual wellbeing afterward. Food writer (and Cathedral Junior Warden) Linda Ditch will describe what bringing in the crops entailed during Jesus's time and the festivals associated with this season. Of course, recipes will be provided!



Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation class of 2022

Those pictured above were either confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church on August 28, 2022 by Bishop Cathleen Bascom. Three Cathedral members also reaffirmed their faith.

Confirmation (C), Reception (RC), Reaffirmation (RF)

Front row: David Woods (C), Judy Seitz (C), Chris Lovett (C), Rick Backlund (RF), Evelyn Wilson (RC), Mike Wilson (C), Ted Yungclas (RF)

Center row: Vanessa Evans (C), Ruth Ohm (RC), Wesley Holthaus (RC), Dylan Bane (C), Robert Pfuetze (RF)

Back row: Deacon Don Chubb, Archdeacon Anne Flynn, Bishop Cathleen Bascom, Dean Torey Lightcap

Photo by Pat Early

A few upcoming Sundays will be different and special.

On **September 25th**, all clergy throughout the diocese will be at the Gathering of Clergy in Wichita. On that day, Grace will celebrate the Lord's Day with **choral Morning Prayer** at both 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. All worship will be heavily lay-involved.

Morning Prayer is a beautiful service. Although it is a little different from what you may be more familiar with, it was the standard in many Episcopal parishes for a long time.

Also happening that day – an adult forum on food led by Linda Ditch that you can read about on page two of this issue.

On **October 2nd**, we will gather at Every Plaza in downtown Topeka for a celebration of **World Communion Sunday** starting at 10:30. In many churches across the globe, the first Sunday in October marks efforts by Christians to unify across differences of denomination. We join our Episcopal tradition that day with First Presbyterian Church of Topeka, Topeka First United Methodist, and St. John AME Church. It should be a great time.

Can't make it? There will be a regular service of Holy Eucharist at 8:30 that morning at Grace.

That evening, join us at 6 p.m. on the grounds of the Cathedral as we bless pets for **St. Francis' Sunday!**

Cathedral choir rehearsals underway

Greetings everyone!

My name is Eduardo García-Novelli and I am the new Choirmaster for Grace Cathedral. It is truly an honor for me to serve this historical congregation and continue the tradition of the wonderful music ministry that has been established for so many years.

I am looking forward to many moments of community gathering in prayer through music, but also to simply enrich our spiritual lives with the sheer joy of singing together. Come and join us: ALL are welcome!

The choir rehearses each Thursday at 7 p.m. Our first Sunday will be on September 11. EVERYONE is invited: we would truly love to have you!



Update on the Reverend John Bullock

by Dean Lightcap

Last Spring, I gave our Assistant Priest, Rev. John Bullock, a time of sabbatical for the summer. John had asked for the time away because he felt a need to drop back, pray, and consider how God might next be calling him to live out his vocation as a father, attorney, and priest.

I met with Father John recently and heard of his discernment over the preceding months. He described a process that has been rich and productive. Although he has loved all he has done with Grace Cathedral, John is still actively discerning how God is calling him to serve in light of the other commitments in his life.

We can all identify with this at some level. John is a highly-talented professional whose services are in demand. Fifty- and sixty-hour weeks are not uncommon for him, plus the fact that he has two boys and time with them is precious. It was our common discernment that he should be able to serve the most pressing needs in his life.

Where exactly does this leave us here at Grace Cathedral? We're going to miss John a lot, but we'll be fine. I feel the Holy Spirit's directing hand pressing us to place faith and trust in God. I am in conversation with our Vestry and with the Diocese. Since this news is so new, it may take some time to assemble further thoughts. I do know that Grace deserves to have a greater diversity of clergy voices than mine alone, and I'm looking for ways to build on that.

While things are constantly beginning, shifting, ending, and beginning again, we can be reassured that throughout, God is present, active, and loving.

Handbells to begin in September



If singing is not your thing, give the handbell choir a try! Handbell Director Donald Livingston is planning an organizational meeting on Thursday, September 15, 5:30 p.m., in the Cathedral. Anyone interested in playing bells is invited to attend and bring their ideas for this important ministry.



**BLESSING OF
THE
BACKPACKS**

Sunday, September 11
10:30 a.m. service
for students of ALL ages!





The Order of the Daughters of the King, Grace Chapter met Saturday, August 6, 2022 for a Eucharist and Installation of the newest member, Terrilyn Fairbank.

Pictured L-R: Sharon Highberger, Secretary-Treasurer Jan Buckley, Barbara Salyer, Carolyn Jones, Chaplain Anne Flynn, Vice-President Vanessa Hill, Terrilyn Fairbank, Bethany McGuire, Sonja Becker, Dean Torey Lightcap, Nancy Nellis, Ruth Ellen Saiya, President Jackie Sommers, Joanne Kensinger

GREAT SPACES

Music & Arts Series

Poetry Readings

Sunday, September 25, 3 p.m.

Entitled "A Lyrical Homecoming," this special event held in conjunction with the Kansas Book Festival celebrates three poets, Sidney Wade, Gary Jackson, and Lisa Hase-Jackson, who return to Kansas to read from recent collections: **Deep Gossip**, **Origin Story**, and **Flint and Fire**.

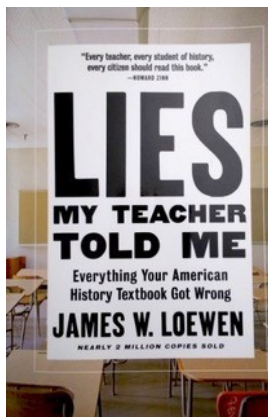
Free and open to the public

The Library Shelf

Cathedral librarian LeRoy Dagg invites you to read **Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong**.

Did you snooze in American history class in high school? Historian James Loewen explodes some historical myths while exploring how traditional textbooks have made it hard to get excited about our nation's story!

This book and many others can be checked out from the Cathedral/BKSM Library. You can also search the library catalog online at <https://tinyurl.com/y7uzpmfz>.



September Birthdays

- 1 Kyle Garrison
- 2 Bobbie Athon
Edna Greene
Julianne Greene
- 3 Jacquie Lightcap
LaWayne Zemp
- 4 Alan Johnson
- 5 John Toth
- 7 Dennis Richter
Josiah Todwong
- 9 Janet Nelson
- 12 Robert Durst
Roy Ridgeway
Tami Smith
- 13 Charlotte Burris
Julie Dittmer
Diane Green
- 16 Jeanne Atha
Bob Happeny
Sharon McCourt-Ostrowski
Nicole Nielsen
- 17 Kinsley Kebert
TJ Wiechman
- 19 Kelly Johnson
Mark Weber
- 20 Sheryl Kingman
Bessie Johnson
Alicia Salisbury
- 22 Bill Ohlemeier
- 26 Bob Horton
Mark Kingman
Penny Neill
Bev Tilly
- 27 Kent Wingerson
- 28 Eric Shutt
- 29 Keira Kebert
- 30 Joanne Kensinger
Carol Nelson
Linda Park
Adelaide Shermoen

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. —Book of Common Prayer*

(Please contact the office if we have missed your birthday or have incorrect information.)



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Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. — Holy Communion,
Rite I
9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
(Sept.-May)
10:30 a.m. — Holy Communion,
Rite II

GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY

The Right Reverend Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom,
Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas
The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*
The Reverend Donald Chubb, *Deacon*
The Venerable Anne Flynn, *Archdeacon*

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Kent Wingerson, *Cathedral Verger/Finance & Facilities Manager*
Connie Vosburgh, *Office Administrator*
Donald Livingston, *Organist*
Eduardo García-Novelli, *Choirmaster*
Zachary Cope, *Associate Choirmaster*
Kathy Smith, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries*
Michael Godfrey, *Sexton*

VESTRY OF GRACE CATHEDRAL

Rick Backlund (Senior Warden), Brenda Kebert, Susan Weber ,
Linda Ditch (Junior Warden), Marilyn Trubey, Dennis Weikel,
John Finch, Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson
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