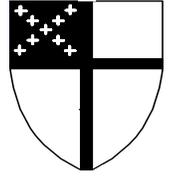




The Franciscan



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Highway cleanup

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chair

On Saturday, May 2, sixteen wonderful Franciscans came out to clean up our designated two mile section of FM 2673. After completing that task in record time, several folks went to Spring Mountain Drive and cleaned the street adjacent to St. Francis. Those volunteering were: Don Stackhouse; Robert and Lynda McNab; Ray Ferguson; Tamara Huneau, Bella Huneau, Pierce Huneau; Dale Jones; Jeanne Slupik; Micheline Ellas; Lynda Leadford; Janet Pollock, Linda and Larry Bosenbark; Bruno Torres; and George Witbeck. Prior to the start of the cleanup, donuts were enjoyed by Bella and others. Jeanne found an old license plate that she is going to clean up and use (for decoration), and Linda and Larry Bosenbark found a sign advertising some property for sale.

The next cleanup will start at 8:00 a.m. (rather than the usual 9:00 a.m.) in an attempt to beat some of the heat. Hope to see another great turnout then.

Bernie

Have you heard... St Francis by the Lake and Community of Hope

By [Tricia Jones](#)



Community of Hope: what is it? And why does our parish want to have one? There has been a “still small voice” speaking into several members’ hearts. It knows what we’re *already doing* in ministry and service. However we recognize that we could be more intentionally and better equipped in what we’re doing. Enter Community of Hope and its Benedictine orientation to life and ministry.

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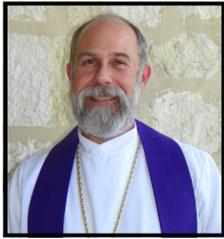
Results are in! The big Give SA

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chair

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 24 hour day of giving on Wednesday, May 6. The Community Resource and Recreation Center (CRRC) rose very close to the top in many categories and finished with an astounding 134 donations for a total of \$41,676.00. In addition, CRRC has been awarded \$6,500 in prize money to increase the total to \$48,176! Remember that this money will be matched by the McKenna Grant which will realize \$96,352.00 towards the much needed expansion plans.



(L to R): Don Stackhouse, Robert McNab, Ray Ferguson, Tamara Huneau, Bella Huneau, Pierce Huneau, Dale Jones, Jeanne Slupik, Lynda McNab, Micheline Ellas, Lynda Leadford, Janet Pollock, Linda and Larry Bosenbark, and Bruno Torres get ready to cleanup the highway in Sattler on FM 2367 on May 2. George Witbeck, not pictured, arrived a few minutes later. Bernie Frey drove back and forth to each of our locations to make sure we hydrated and were doing okay. (See article on this page.)



Dear friends,

This is our two month edition of the *Franciscan* and my June/July thoughts run together turning to freedom, peace, and life. I sit in my study and lift my eyes to a carving of a native Alaskan mother and child playing. The child sits on the mother's lap and their postures convey a peaceful energy. Next to this lovely scene is a Crucifix, handmade of clay, from Peru. The Hispanic penchant for religious detail is obvious as the over-sized hands and feet drip blood and the side is pierced wide. The energy it conveys is anything but peaceful. A unifying theme of "life" allows them to remain, in tension, near each other: the life of seeing a mother play with her child juxtaposed with the life Jesus' Death has given me: both remind me of the love the Lord has for us.

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The fireworks and picnics will soon be over, and soon there will be the August heat. In joyful thanksgiving for the efforts of our founders, we will unfurl flags, have parades, and the watermelon will be abundant: all in celebration of what many believe to be an accomplishment, a *fait accompli*. Politically and economically the freedom many of us take for granted is still very unreal to many of our country's citizens; and it remains a distant dream for much of the world's populace. It's a very danger-

ous tightrope walk—but it is a walk that faithful people must undertake—to ensure that the peace we celebrate and the freedom we enjoy isn't merely "spiritual" peace and freedom. Life lived in Christ is meant to be realized, as Someone said, "*on earth, as it is in heaven.*"

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And so, during the playful moments of our summer recreation, while we revel in our share of liberty and freedom, as we seek to make our country and our world more peaceful and more responsive to the cries of those in need, as we spread the Good News of salvation through the Cross of Christ, let us live the life of the LORD's love for us, give thanks for our freedom in

Christ; pray for His peace in our lives, our country, and in the world.

Faithfully,
Fr. David Chalk



Upcoming events:

Oct. 1-4: Cursillo weekend #269, at Mustang Island Conference Center; Rector: Heather Marks; Spiritual Director is the Rev. John Fritts, St. Andrew's, Del Rio.

*** National Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Conference, Oct. 15-18**, at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, Washington; Keynote speaker: Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Movement; learn more and register [here](#).

Nov. 5-8: Cursillo weekend #270 at Camp Capers, Rector: Steve Always; Spiritual Director: The Rev. Lisa Mason, St. David's, San Antonio.



The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) elected new officers at their Potluck Luncheon on Thursday, May 14. The newly installed officers were (L to R): Candace Fitch, Corresponding Secretary; Valeska McHugh, President; Lin Boudreaux, Vice President; Tricia Jones, Recording Secretary; Lynda Leadford, Treasurer; and Ronnie Schwakhof, Chaplain. (See article on Page 3.)



Treasurer's report

By [Lynda Leadford](#)
Email: treasure@gvtc.com

Month of April 2015

Our net (income over expenses) for the month of April was \$3,000; for the first four months of 2015 our net was \$15,000. At the end of April, we are \$21,750 (actual income and expenses over budgeted income and expenses) ahead of our budget, while covering our monthly expenses and paying towards our debt obligations.

St. Francis has other funds besides the General Fund reported above: the Debt Retirement Fund and the New Building Project Fund. The Debt Retirement Fund is used to pay down the Crump Note and the Rectory Note. The Crump note is paid annually while the Rectory note is paid monthly. This fund is also doing well. Income is \$600 ahead of budget. The balance in the fund at April's end is \$19,608.

The New Building Project Fund is used to set aside funds for new building structures. While we have not yet conducted campaigns for these funds, please keep these in mind when giving.

In mid-June, second quarter statements will be sent by mail and email. Please check your statement and let me know of any corrections.

Our Debts:

Crump Note - \$60,000.00

Rectory Note - \$22,059.00



(L to R): Connie Graham, Beverley Matthewson, and Imogene Howard, enjoyed themselves at the ECW Potluck Salad Luncheon on Thursday, May 14. Thank you Beverley for hosting the ECW luncheon at your home. (See article this page.)



Episcopal Church Women update

By [Candace Fitch](#), ECW President

On May 14, 2015, the ECW met at the home of Beverley Matthewson for the last meeting of the year. The last meeting is always a potluck luncheon and then we install our newly nominated officers. We had a great time visiting with each other and talking about the plans we have for the summer. Wonderful fellowship, great food, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was so apparent.

After we finished lunch, we had a short meeting where we chose new "Soul Sistas" for the summer months. What fun it has been to have somebody to talk to, go to lunch with, send a card to, or just email every two-three months to say "Hi." Our new "sistas" will be ours for the summer months and then in September, we will get a new "sista" one for the next two months.

Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to get to know these precious

women on a more personal level, it has been great.

We also signed up to be hostesses for next year's meetings. Thanks to all who signed up again to either offer their home for the meeting or to be a hostess. You all are such a blessing to the vitality of this organization.

Next, we installed our terrific line-up of officers for next year. They are: Valeska McHugh - President; Lin Boudreaux - Vice President; Tricia Jones - Recording Secretary; Lynda Leadford - Treasurer; Candace Fitch - Corresponding Secretary; and Ronnie Schwakhofer - Chaplain.

May birthdays were celebrated after the meeting and we had delicious yummys that Beverley made... oh my, were they ever decadent, and no calories whatsoever.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve God through ECW... you have made a huge difference in my life these last two years. Continue to serve God, keep Him first place, keep your hand in His. I love you all.

God's gracious peace,
Candace ♥

The 78th General Convention is coming.

From *The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas Weekly ENEWS*

The 78th General Convention is June 25 to July 3 in Salt Lake City, UT. General Convention is held every three years. This year's business includes the election of a new Presiding Bishop. You can follow diocesan news and updates at www.dwtx.org/general-convention. For full reports and resolutions visit www.generalconvention.org.

The 48th Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is held at General Convention.

From *The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas Weekly ENEWS*

The 48th Triennial Meeting of the ECW takes place concurrently with General Convention, on June 25 to July 3, in Salt Lake City, UT. The event brings together delegates from every diocese across the Episcopal Church to conduct business, share information, and learn from dozens of daily workshops. To learn more visit <http://ecwnational.org/triennial-meeting-2015/>.

Delegates from the Diocese of West Texas are: Jane Ahuero, Linda Hollingsworth, Wendy Sulewski, Lyda Neal; alternates: Dana Thomas and Nancy Schweers. This year, Marjorie George will receive the *Honored Woman* award at Triennial for the Diocese of West Texas.



4th Annual Party for the Pantry
Benefiting the CRRC Food Pantry

New Band; Same GREAT Music!!
JAZZ, BLUES AND DIAMONDS

Saturday, June 20th
7-11 pm
At the CRRC Rec Center
Below the Dam

Silent Auction
Cash Beer & Wine Bar
with Soft Drinks

MUSICAL JOURNEY
PLAYING THE BEST OF OUR FAVORITE MUSIC!
SWING, THE RAT PACK, SOFS, MOTOWN, BLUES,
OLD ROCK N ROLL, JAZZ, DISCO AND COUNTRY

Tickets available at the Thrift Store & CRRC Rec Center
\$25/person
Reserved table for six: \$190
(includes table cheese tray and one drink ticket per person)

*No outside food or drink allowed with the exception of one bottle of hard liquor per guest.

For more information and ticket reservations:
CRRC Main Office: 830-964-2324

Supporting the Community
CRRC
With Your Support

Second Saturday mini retreat

Every second Saturday of each month, the Diocese hold a “mini” retreat from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The group meets at the Bishop Jones Center: 111 Torcido Dr., San Antonio TX 78209 in the conference room.

A group from St. Francis attends the retreat regularly (sometimes we’re the only ones there!!) Contact the office if you would like to carpool.

Contact Marjorie George at marjorie.george@dwtx.org or (210) 824-5387, if you would like to attend.



Needs for CRRC food pantry

Our local food pantry continues to be in need of the following items:

- feminine hygiene products,
- summer children’s food,
- evaporated milk,
- bar soap,
- Shampoo,
- dish soap, and
- hand soap.

All contributions are appreciated.

What's happening

Daughters of the King (DOK) is on summer break.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is on summer break. There will be a birthday celebration on July 9 at 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. (location TBA)

Scripture Study Group is an informal study that meets at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the parish hall, followed by Eucharist.

Vestry Meeting - Sundays, June 14 and July 12, at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Adult Sunday School meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets at 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday (June 20 and July 18) of each month. (location TBA)

Evening Study Class meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the parish hall.

Scrapbook and Craft Night will meet Fridays, June 5 and 26, July 10 and 24, at Linda Hillin's home at 6:30 p.m.

St. Jude's Ranch - We celebrate the Eucharist with the children every first Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Bulverde. The next dates to attend at St. Jude's will be June 7 and July 5.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is partnered with St. Andrew Lutheran Church on June 29 through July 3.

June/July birthdays

John D'Andrea	6/3
Bella Huneau	6/7
Sterling Wehner	6/9
Chitt Chittenden	6/10
Ken Patla	6/15
Bette Wehner	6/16
Reagan Pollock	6/17
ValRae Lenius-Torres	6/18
Donna Lewis	6/21
Pennie Curry	6/23
Judy McClendon	6/27
Tatiana Hoecker	6/28
Chris Benham	6/30



Fr. David installed new officers, Ronnie Schwakhofer (left) and Becky Averyt, at the Daughters of the King Potluck Salad Luncheon held at Lynda and Robert McNab's home on Friday, May 27. Ronnie renewed her term as Treasurer, and Becky is the new Vice President.

Ruth Hemphill	7/4
Fr. Jim Mitchell	7/4
Karen Rodgers	7/5
Cille Hardy	7/8
Emily Hopkins	7/8
Mary Wenzel	7/10
Gay Helm	7/17
Lyn Jones	7/17
Dorris Marlow	7/17
Ann Wilson	7/17
Chuck Schwakhofer	7/18
Tom Meyer	7/20
Gina Wilson	7/20
Dale Calvert	7/27
Lynn Zimmermann	7/27
Bob Amos	7/28
Devon Rodgers	7/29
Clare Villarreal	7/29
Paula Garrison	7/30
Kelsie Kirk	7/30

June/July anniversaries

Glenn and Karen Rodgers	6/1
Abel and Clare Villarreal	6/4
Hollis and Candace Fitch	6/17
Kevin and Valeska McHugh	6/17
John and Ginger Rose	6/17
Dale and Lyn Jones	6/26

Phil and Emily Hopkins	6/27
Don and Kay Stackhouse	6/30

Robert and Lynda McNab	7/1
Robbie and Natalie White	7/1
Ken and Lynda Leadford	7/2
Douglas and Valerie Kirk	7/8
Larry and Mary Wenzel	7/10
Bernie and Judy Frey	7/14
Gloria and Dwain Glass	7/14
J. P. and Cindy Smith	7/17
Burnham Jones and Betty Colley	7/18
Patricia Doyal and Ed Brown	7/18

Mark your calendars

June 13 - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Day of Deeper Understanding/ Diocesan Ultreya (See blurb on Page 8.)

June 17 - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Potluck Supper

June 25-July 3 - The 78th General Convention (See article on Page 4.)

June 25-July 3 - The 48th Triennial Meeting of the ECW (See article on Page. 4.)

June 29-July 3 - VBS at St. Andrew Lutheran Church combined with St. Francis by the Lake.

July 15 - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Potluck Supper

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Day of Deeper Understanding/ Diocesan Ultreya

The DoDU will be held at St. Luke's, San Antonio. Servant Community and Secretariat Meeting will follow at 2:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
11 St. Luke's Lane
San Antonio, TX 78209

Contact: Leigh Saunders;
(210) 824-5387;
leigh.saunders@dwtx.org.

Perennial Parish Pentecost Potluck Picnic

Food, fun, and fellowship brought people together.



June parish grounds workday

By [Dale Jones](#), Junior Warden of the Vestry

Summer is here, and we need to clean up the parish grounds.

We will have a workday on Saturday, June 13. If you are available, please contact me at (210) 557-1023; [Winnie Benson](#) at (830) 899-3164.

Our purpose is to beautify the property prior to Father's Day. If you have a weed whacker or a chain saw, please bring them.

Thank you.

Your Jr. Warden,
Dale Jones





Choir notes

By [Ricky Therneau](#),
Parish Musician

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Red Roses + White Tulips =
Christian Love

On Feb. 15, a Sunday, I was giving myself a giant pity party over the events of the past three months. On Nov. 11, I had broken my left foot—a non-weight bearing break; on Jan. 8, I received the news that I had a compressed fracture in my back, and on Jan. 29, I was taken as a Code 1 to the ER with pulmonary edema resulting from a silent heart attack. The diagnosis was a complete surprise since I had always been told that my heart was in perfect shape—no red flags ever appeared. That Sunday, on Feb. 15, was the day I begin to recover. Don Stackhouse came to give me communion bearing red roses and white tulips.

Tricia Jones and all the wonderful ladies of the parish had been providing meals during January. I was limited as to my skill in the kitchen, due to being wheelchair bound, so Don, my husband, had put McDonald's on speed dial. I will always be grateful for this kindness of homemade meals. Also, the kind concern while I was hospitalized was a gift of love. The hospital that first Sunday was filled with love and beautiful St. Francis faces. Dale Jones brought communion which was wonderful. Until you experience a communion visitor you cannot understand the peace and love you feel. However, after a week in the hospital (plus a week of rehab) I was feeling very sorry for myself. Then in walked Don Stackhouse

with red roses and white tulips- plus Holy Communion! Suddenly the love and prayers of the Christian community of St. Francis by the Lake were in my home and I knew I would get better soon. **Thank you very much!**

This summer the choir will be doing duets and solos. Each member is working very hard. Also think of joining the summer choir.

Remember, no practice except for Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Graduating high school senior awarded scholarship prize

By [Maury Meyer](#), Vestry Member and *The Franciscan* editor

Devon Rodgers was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship on May 13 by the Canyon Lake Art Guild (CLAG.) Each year CLAG interviews Canyon Lake and Smithson Valley High School graduating seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in an art-related field. This year, five students were interviewed and presented their art works to the selection committee. According to that committee, Devon's art and interview outshone all the other candidates. Devon is interested in a career in architecture: her bio states "I aim to design spaces made to positively affect people, their communities, and their environments." Devon has been accepted by the architecture departments at the University of Texas (only 100 are chosen out of 1,000 applicants,) the University of Houston, and Texas Tech, and into the Honors Programs at the latter two schools. She and her family are in the process of selecting the best school for her, so you might

want to add that to your prayer lists!

Devon will also receive the customary \$300 honorarium for graduating high school students from the St. Francis by the Lake Episcopal Church Women.



Devon Rodgers (left,) pictured with some of her artwork, was handed her \$1,000 scholarship award by Gretchen Schleyer, the Canyon Lake Art Guild President. The guild does this every year for graduating seniors pursuing a career in an art-related field.

Crop Walk update

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chair

After receiving a check from a fund matching group, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, we have a new total of \$28,622.50 for the Canyon Lake CROP Walk.

Thanks to everyone who participated.

Comm. of Hope... (Cont'd from p 1)

Are you hearing that still small voice too?

Community of Hope training in pastoral care helps us learn to be “present” in a listening, compassionate, non-controlling manner, with individuals or groups, for the purpose of representing God to them and by seeking to respond to their spiritual needs. Pastoral caregivers serve in many settings; wherever there is a need for a compassionate listener or a reassuring presence, pastoral caregivers can be useful.

The role of pastoral caregiver is not just for the ordained, but can be filled by appropriately trained lay people. The Community of Hope International (COHI) is a very successful ecumenical lay pastoral caregiver training program that originated in the Diocese of Texas at St Luke’s Episcopal Hospital in Houston in 1994. It is rooted in the Gospel, Benedictine spirituality, and the pastoral care model that many hospitals use to train pastoral caregivers.

Along with many other parishes, St. Francis by the Lake has chosen to become a COHI Center and to use the COHI curriculum to train lay pastoral caregivers. The first training will be conducted this fall. The calendar dates are not completely set yet, but tentatively classes will begin mid-September and finish before the Thanksgiving holiday in November. Classes will be held on selected Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the parish hall.

Through the summer, more information about COHI and St. Francis’s first training will be in the *Franciscan* and the weekly *Good News* e-newsletter. COHI also has a



The Daughters of the King (DOK) Potluck Salad Luncheon took place at Lynda and Robert McNab’s home. Thank you for your hospitality.

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Our Mission Statement

As Children of God, we at St. Francis by the Lake are committed to living, learning, and sharing the love of Christ, the word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit with our parish family, our communities and the world.

wonderful website at www.cohinternational.org. Feel free to talk to our leadership team: Tricia Jones’ cell: (512) 497-2297, and email: gabe.triciajones@gmail.com; Julie Chalk’s cell: (830) 719-2425, and email: jfrchalk@gmail.com; Velda

Vukoder’s cell: (830) 885-2425, and email: vvukoder@aol.com; or Fr. David.

Please be praying about whether this is a journey you would like to take with us.