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Cool Scarves for Troops (Sewers Needed!)

From *DWTX Military Ministry*

Did you know that troops who are deployed often face temperatures of 130 degrees and higher? When a soldier wears a cool scarf around their neck, it gives them the feeling of a cool wet cloth on the back of their neck. A cool scarf is a strip of cotton woven fabric that had been filled with nontoxic polyacrylamide granules (crystals) concealed in the casing of the scarf. When the scarf

is soaked in water for 15-30 minutes, the granules absorb the water, expand 400 times, and turn into crystalline gel. The cotton fabric absorbs water from the gel, and the water evaporates for a cooling effect. The scarves stay cool and moist for hours due to the polyacrylamide's water retaining properties. When the scarves are left to dry, the gel returns to crystal form. Cool scarves can cool for 15 hours!

The Military Ministry of the Diocese of West Texas has put together kits, each of which contains supplies and instructions to make 50 cooling scarves. We are currently

looking for sewers who would like to participate in this ministry. If you can sew a straight line, you can make a cool scarf! We currently have one kit in the works and can get more, depending on how many sewing volunteers we have. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Julie Chalk at jfrenchalk@gmail.com, or (830) 719-2425. If you would like to make a donation to cover the cost of scarf kits and/or other ministries to our military, please contact Leslie Mixson at the diocesan office (210)824-5387 or leslie.mixson@dwtx.org.



The Easter Vigil began in the columbarium and proceeded to the parish hall on Saturday evening, Apr. 20.



In the parish hall Fr. David and Julie Chalk sang the Exsultet.



Dear friends,

Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb; and in what J.R.R. Tolkien calls

“*encatastrophe*” He rose victorious over our greatest enemy: Death. Alleluia!

While Jesus’ broken body lay in the tomb, He visited the dead and explained salvation. Alleluia!

He rose from death and manifested Himself to show that *Immanuel*, “God with us” is eternal. Alleluia!

He is *alive*, He is here and now. As we grow in the faith and mature in Christian spirituality, we believe and are able to see Him and His marvelous Kingdom more and more.

“...He has restored us to eternal life; restored us to our better nature; given us ultimate hope; and shared with us the joy, goodness, and love of God.”

This is Good News!!: Jesus the Messiah, the Christ, the only-begotten, Anointed Son of God and Son of Man has taken upon Himself every burden, every disease, all that shows itself in our world as fear and sin. In their stead, He has restored us to eternal life; restored us to our better nature; given us ultimate hope; and shared with us the joy, goodness, and love of God.

But wait! There’s more!! By the dynamic comfort and pure truth granted through the Holy Spirit, we can now know God in love.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! And although that is exactly what we need, there is still more. Christ Jesus rose from death that we might rise as well. In our rising, we live no longer for ourselves, but for Him.



Fr. David celebrates the Renewal of Baptismal vows after the Exsultet in the parish hall, continuing the Easter Vigil.

Not merely being ‘aware’ of Him but, in our love for Him, we serve Him in all we do: through all whom we love and help (“Inasmuch as you’ve done it to one of the least of these, you have done it to Me.”

Matthew 25.40.)

“We rise and are restored—re-membered—to be the Body of Christ, the beloved fellowship of the faithful.”

In Christ, we rise too. We live for more than ordinary existence.

Christ is alive! His love for us is the invitation to transformation, sanctification, and blessing. And because of the All Holy, Life-Giving Trinity we now see that redemption, resurrection, and restoration are not individual. We rise and are restored—re-membered—to be the Body of Christ, the beloved fellowship of the faithful. Let us therefore, throughout the entire Fifty Days of Easter, live *intentionally* in His love,

as He loves, sharing that love with all whom we meet.

Faithfully,
Fr. David

2019 Upcoming events:

May 2-5: Cursillo weekend #282 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

Sep. 26-29: Cursillo weekend #283 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

Nov. 7-10: Cursillo weekend #284 at Camp Capers.



Treasurer's report

By [Robert Amos](#)
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Greetings All,

St. Francis by the Lake did well through the first quarter of this year.

General Operations continues to run a deficit, but is less (better) than expected.

The Capital Campaign and Debt Retirement both have solid contributions. Endowment fund has grown approximately 10% year to date.

Payments on the Ministry and Outreach Center are proceeding as planned.

March 2019 details:

Operations:

Revenues: Contributions to the General Fund are \$62,789.49, which is \$76.51 less (slightly worse) than expected.

Expenditures: Expenditures were \$66,867.25, which is lower (better) than expected by \$2,669.75.

Balance (Revenue minus Expenditures): The resulting deficit is \$4,077.76 or \$2,593.24 less (better) than expected.

Capital:

Capital Campaign: Contributions are \$14,805.48 through March, with total contributions of \$436,797.77. Fund balance is \$1,488.60.

We have started progress payments to Wunderlich Builders for the Ministry and Outreach Center construction. As planned, we first used our cash to make these payments. This has reduced the balance in the Capital Campaign Fund, Building Fund, and New Building Memorials. Recently we also have started to draw on our line of credit at Frost Bank. Total spending on the Ministry and Outreach Center through March is \$587,385.71. This includes payments to our builder and other purchases.

Debt Retirement: Contributions are \$7,360.00 through March. The Debt Retirement Fund contains a total of \$15,576.62.

Endowment Fund: The Endowment Fund has grown by \$4,969.75 through March, or about 10%. Total in the fund is \$54,843.60.

The Endowment Fund is a restricted fund reserved for special purposes. It has been established by generous donations from the estates of members. As you consider your estate plans and wills, please remember St. Francis by the Lake. This is one of many ways to do that.

Our funds as of March 31, 2019:

General Operating	\$	7,717.54
Debt Retirement	\$	15,576.62
Capital Campaign Fund	\$	1,488.60
Endowment Fund	\$	54,843.60
Debt	\$	0.00

Frost Bank - Line of Credit: \$ 113,843.60

You should have received your first quarter contribution statements. Please review them and contact me if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and faithfulness.

If you have any comments or questions, or if you would like to discuss a pledge or contribution, please feel free to contact me at treasure@gvtc.com.





Episcopal Church Women update

By [Tricia Jones](#), ECW President

Penguins, seals and whales, oh my! What a fascinating program we had in April as Cindy Smith shared her Antarctic journey with us. Antarctica is the seventh continent that Cindy has traveled to and she is one of the lucky rare people who has been inside the Arctic Circle. Cindy's pictures were art-worthy, her stories were lively and entertaining and she even showed us the proof that she made the "polar plunge" diving into the Arctic Ocean! Cindy's enthusiasm for travel, culture, and nature is contagious. She's traveled throughout the world extensively and is a great resource if you are thinking of making a trip. Thank you, Cindy, for sharing your Antarctica experience!

A special thanks to Maury Meyer for sharing her special decor-three beautiful and almost life-sized penguin figures that hold sweet memories of friendship for Maury.

During the business portion of the meeting, the Nominating Committee offered a slate of candidates for the positions of President, Recording Secretary, and Chaplain. There were no nominations from the floor; those present unanimously voted for the following to fill the positions:

Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer, President; Anne Cain, Recording Secretary; and Becki Nichols, Chaplain.

These women will be installed at a worship service in May and then begin serving ECW for two year terms.

Since Ronnie will vacate the Corresponding Secretary's position

early to become President, Carlie Maciejewski graciously agreed to serve one year as Corresponding Secretary. The following women will continue to serve in their current positions for another year: Brenda Klaftenegger, Vice-President, and Susan Kelch, Treasurer.

Thank you ladies! I know you will be richly blessed by this experience and so will ECW!

My sincere appreciation goes to the Nominating Committee Members: Valeska McHugh, Betty Morris, and Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer.

Our **Spring Potluck Luncheon is on Thursday, May 9, at 11:30 a.m. at Linda Hillin's home, 8018 Gainsborough Dr., Spring Branch.** Please bring a salad to share. ECW officers will provide dessert. Car pooling will be available from the church. This is a fun, relaxing time to be with friends. ECW monthly meetings are suspended during the summer and will resume again in September, except for a July party for summer birthday girls. So come break bread with your sisters in Christ.

Almighty God, Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. Amen. *Excerpted from the ECW Prayer.*



Reaching up... Reaching out

Lord, what do you want to do through me?

This is our parish. The time is now. Pray for our Capital Campaign and our Stewardship Campaign and ask God's guidance in how you are to join in the vision.

The floor plan of the Outreach and Ministry Center is available in the Narthex.



Practical Exercise Class At

Saint Francis by the Lake

Class instruction focuses on posture, breathing, stretching, balance, form, and light exercise.

Instructor: Jeanne Slupik

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Where: Parish hall. Please wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat.

Cost: Donations only, to benefit St. Francis by the Lake.

Come join us!



Needs for the CRRC food pantry

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

- peanut butter;
- canned corn;
- laundry detergent;
- hand soap;
- baking items;
- cereal;
- plastic grocery bags;
- toilet paper;
- baby diapers - sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5, and adult sizes, (both disposable and cloth diapers); and
- toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss. *(When visiting the dentist each patient is usually given a small bag that contains a toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss. As each of us has our semi-annual checkups, please consider bringing those to church for the CRRC donation box. Thanks to Betty Morris for that suggestion.)*

All contributions are appreciated.

What's happening

Daughters of the King (DOK) will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall on May 22 after the 11:30 a.m. Eucharist.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) meet on Thursday, May 9 at 11:30 a.m., at Linda Hillin's home. ([See article, p. 4.](#))

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

Vestry meets the second Sunday of each month. The group will meet May 12 at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. The group decides at their meeting where the next get-together will take place.

Breathing Under Water: Spirituality & the Twelve Steps is Fr. Gordon's book study on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Al-Anon meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Hall.

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in Jones Hall.

Caregiver Support Group meets every third Monday (May 20) of the month at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

COH Circle of Care meets in the parish hall every first Monday of the month.

St. Francis Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every first Monday of the month in the parish hall.

Men's Gathering meets every second Saturday (May 11) of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

Second Saturday Diocesan Mini Retreat meets each month on the 2nd Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Bishop Jones Center. On beautiful grounds, the time is for contemplative silence and fellow-ship. (If you would like to carpool, there are several woman from St. Francis that would be glad to have you join them. Please call the St. Francis office (830) 964-3820 for more information.)



At the April ECW meeting, Cindy Smith shared videos and pictures of her experience on her Antarctica trip. ([See page 4.](#))

May birthdays

Jim Nichols	5/2
Casey Benham	5/5
Rick Griffin	5/10
Winnie Benson	5/18
Kay Stackhouse	5/20
Gloria Glass	5/21
Patricia Perea	5/21
Les Beauvais	5/30
Keren Necaie	5/31

May anniversaries

Dennis and Nannette Callahan	5/4
Marcel and Brenda Klaftenegger	5/6
Fr. David and Julie Chalk	5/14
Ken and Ann Patla	5/14
George and Cheree Bauslaugh	5/16
George and Carol Glasby	5/20
Ann and Brian Freiburger	5/27
Dusty Hoecker and Patricia Perea	5/28
Robert and Brenda Amos	5/29

Mark your calendars

May 2-5 - Cursillo weekend #282 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

May 4 - 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Canyon Lake Community Blood drive

May 4 - 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - Canyon Lake Noon Lions Shrimp Fest

May 14 - Diocesan Top Golf Tournament. ([See page 6.](#))

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MOVING SOON TO NEW BUILDING!

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH PACKING, MOVING, UNPACKING & OTHER TASKS:

Coordinators listed below:

Packing & unpacking of all areas - Tamara Huneau (830) 837-1623

Organizing kitchen and pantry - Ronnie Harper (210) 885-6886

Moving Labor - Mike Maciejewski (713) 252-4547

Communication (Parish & Public) Create handouts to celebrate the transition to new space, new ministries & articles for local newspaper and our diocese - Ronnie Harper (210) 885-6886

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Music & Choir Room - ensure smooth transition of items to new location - Julie Chalk (830) 719-2425

MOVING UPDATES WILL BE POSTED IN WEEKLY "GOOD NEWS" PUBLICATION. A SIGN UP SHEET TO VOLUNTEER WILL ALSO BE PLACED IN THE NARTHEX.

SAVE THE DATE!

DWTX WORLD MISSION INVITES YOU TO A

Top Golf Tournament



TUESDAY, MAY 14
 5539 N LOOP 1604 W
 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78249
 6PM-8PM

REGISTER @ WWW.DWTX.ORG/EVENTS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS WORLD MISSION IMMIGRATION INITIATIVES

\$100 single player
\$600 team



Questions? Contact tatiana.hoecker@dwtx.org



Canyon Lake Noon Lions Shrimp Fest

Saturday, May 4

11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

at the CRRC Recreation Center

\$12 - Tickets available at the door. Funds raised support the CRRC and our community.



Fr. David (left) and Fr. Gordon celebrated the Maundy Thursday Service in the parish hall. Thank you to all who participated for the set up in all the festivities.

Honduras Night at Beto's

Thank you for celebrating this fundraiser with our church families who support the Honduras Scholarship program. And thank you Patricia Perea for all that you do!

See more pictures on our website!



Bob and Brenda Amos



(L to R): Kevin McHugh, Don and Kay Stackhouse, and Valeska McHugh



Chuck and Azile Davenport



(L to R): Tricia Jones, Anne Caine, and Patricia Doyal



Tatiana Hoecker

Thank you

From Patricia Doyal

Just a note to thank my church family for all the support you gave me at the time of Ed's death. I don't know where to start... thank you for all the prayers, the beautiful cards with your kind words of sympathy, the visits, the food, and for taking me to see Ed for the last time when you didn't think I was able to drive.

Thank you for your help in planning the memorial service, and the beautiful remembrance of him, and for the grief counseling.

I know there are things I am not remembering at this time, but know everything you did was sincerely appreciated.

Blessings to you all,
Patricia Doyal



(L to R): Betty Morris, Linda Hillin, Diane Thovson, and Keren Necaize enjoyed the Women's Spring Gathering at Camp Caper on Apr. 26 - 28.



Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, May 12

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

at the VFW Post 8573 on River Road; (830) 964-3334 - open to the public.

Mother's eat free, and \$6 for all others.

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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.



Canyon Lake Community Blood Drive

Saturday, May 4

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Locations are Lowe's in Startzville, and Ace Hardware in Sattler.