



# The Franciscan



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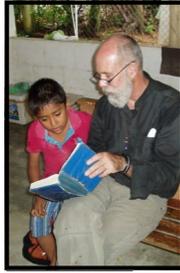
St. Francis by the Lake  
Canyon Lake, Texas

May 2021

## The Rector

Fr David Chalk

Dear friends,  
I recently came across a lovely prayer which I share and offer during these confusing times we're living in.



Lord, this looks like a dead end, but so did the Red Sea.

This looks too big to deal with, but so did Goliath. This looks like it's over, there are insurmountable odds, it feels like the end of the story—but so did the Cross.

Lord, I'm laying my cares—my woes, my weakness, and my troubles—at Your feet.

And I'm reminding my heart and mind that this is Your story, not mine. And I know how it does end. Thank You, Lord.



## NavajoLand Ministry

St. Francis by the Lake was invited to partner with the three congregations on the Navajo Reservation which comprise “The Utah Region.”

St. Christopher's, Bluff, has been the focus of our labors for several years—it is the lead parish and focal point of the region. There has also been work done at St. John the Baptist in Montezuma Creek.

Last year we were asked to think about and join in the effort to restore what was once the founding priest's (Fr. H. Baxter Liebler) home, which functioned as the “Hat Valley Retreat Center” and is adjacent to St. Mary's of the Moonlight in Oljato (near what we call “Monument Valley”).

The scope of this ministry project was scaled back significantly, until it became a “the roof is the priority” mission.



*The seal of “ECN”  
the Episcopal Church in Navajoland*

Pictured below (left to right) are Tom O'Bryant, Deacon Tim and Terri Wetherington, Walter Shorty, and Fr. David, sitting on the completed roof!





## Treasurer's report

By [Robert Amos](#)  
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Greetings all,

We continue to better than expected financially in 2021. Contributions are ahead of expectations. Expenditures are slightly higher than planned. We have an operations balance surplus which is much better than planned. Capital Campaign, Debt Retirement, and the Endowment funds are doing well. We are paying down our line of credit at Frost Bank.

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and faithfulness. It is so very important to our mission at St. Francis by the Lake.

### Financial Summary as of March 31, 2021.

#### Operations - continues much better than expected.

Revenues: Total revenue is \$77,244.48 which is more than planned by \$23,650.48.

Expenditures: Expenditures are \$76,723.71 which is higher (worse) than planned by \$1,767.02.

Balance (Revenue minus Expenditures): Balance is a surplus of \$520.77, which is better than planned by \$25,453.77.

#### Capital - continuing to do well.

Capital Campaign 2020 – 2022: Contributions were \$7,697.04 so far this year. Combined balance of Capital Campaign and Capital Campaign 2020 – 2022 Fund is \$91,896.07. We are continuing to make monthly principal payments of \$6,060.00 to the Frost Line of Credit.

Debt Retirement: Contributions are \$11,718.00. The Debt Retirement Fund contains a balance of \$69,979.06.

#### Endowment Fund - continuing to do well.

Total in the fund is \$141,225.26.

#### Our funds as of March 31, 2021:

General Operating	\$	39,576.51
Debt Retirement	\$	69,979.06
Capital Campaign Fund	\$	91,896.07
Endowment Fund	\$	141,225.26

#### Debt:

Frost Bank - Line of Credit:	\$	90,898.38
Crump Foundation:	\$	427,500.00
Payroll Protection Plan Loan:	\$	35,000.00

As a reminder, you have the ability to contribute on-line. Go to our website, [www.saintfrancisbythelake.org](http://www.saintfrancisbythelake.org). You will see a button for electronic giving.



When you click on the button, you will be taken to a page to enter your contribution. We are able to support secure transactions on credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfers from your bank and/or financial institution.

Of course, you can send your contributions by mail: St. Francis by the Lake, P.O. Box 2031, Canyon Lake, TX 78133.

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](mailto:treasure@gvtc.com).



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## In loving memory

**Sterling Dutch Sanford Wehner**  
June 9, 1923 - April 17, 2021

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### Episcopal Church Women

By [Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer](#)

Our last meeting of this season will be Thursday, May 13, at 11:00 a.m., in the Ministry and Outreach Center and on Zoom. We're planning a lunch and fellowship followed by the announcement of ECW funds distribution for 2021. Lunch will be pre-ordered from an establishment in New Braunfels. We will select from their menu and everyone will pay for their own meal. If you plan to attend and haven't submitted your lunch order, please contact Carlie Maciejewski, 713-806-0140 by Monday, May 10.

The election planned for this meeting is not going to take place: no one has offered their name to be a candidate for President of ECW.

That being the case, we will be discussing options for the future of ECW at St. Francis. We need to stop and look at what we are doing as the Episcopal Church Women of St. Francis. Are we addressing the felt needs of women in our parish? Are we doing things the same way we did them ten years ago? In the face

of rapid changes, we cannot stand still. We must adapt to changing needs, be flexible, be creative, and give ourselves permission to do it differently. Please plan to attend this important meeting, the future of ECW at St. Francis depends on you!

Watch for instructions for connecting *via* Zoom in the weekly Good News. Please join us for fellowship and food on May 13.

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## Reaching up... Reaching out... Growing Something Eternal!

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## May anniversaries

Marcel & Brenda Klaftenegger	5/6
Fr. David & Julie Chalk	5/14
George & Carol Glasby	5/20
Ann & Brian Freiberger	5/27
Dusty Hoecker & Patricia Perea	5/28
Robert & Brenda Amos	5/29

## May birthdays

Jim Nichols	5/2
Casey Benham	5/5
Susan Carvel	5/5
Rick Griffin	5/10
Winnie Benson	5/18
Gloria Glass	5/21
Patricia Perea	5/21
Keren Necaice	5/31



## CRRC Needs

The pantry is in need of:

- toilet paper;
- toothpaste, toothbrushes;
- shampoo, bar soap;
- mac & cheese, boxed, (*not single-serve*);
- jelly (*we have the peanut butter!*);
- canned spaghetti sauce;
- canned applesauce-15 oz. cans; and
- tomato soup.

*All contributions are appreciated.*

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