



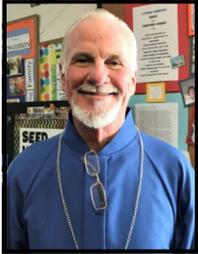
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“Is it that time of year again?” [groan]

While we’ve shifted our thinking toward year ’round stewardship, it is the time of year to start thinking about budget. So, while browsing the Episcopal Network for Stewardship, I found a few interesting items! Especially this one: “It’s all about relationships.”

As you recall, pre-Covid, we would meet in small groups at different houses to share a meal or snack, lots of good conversation, and an appeal to each other about what ‘stewardship’ means, personally, to us. We’re fairly sure that’s not going to happen this year; but the main thing is still the main thing. It’s about asking ourselves “...what are our gifts of experience, wisdom, and resources to build our parish and sustain our mission.”

The Network states that stewardship ought to be “...frequent, genuine communication; teaching and learning about money and meaning; and a clear and concise case for giving.” Interestingly, 11 of Jesus’ 39 parables talk about money. The “emotional weight” of money ranges from hopes and dreams (and we tend to dream big) to fears, failures, joy, and happiness. Connect these feelings to our parish family, and we experience everything any family experiences, “anxiety, love, health, and the fullness of life.”

What will our budget discussions look like this year? We (Vestry and others) are talking about it. You can bet we won’t be having gatherings as we did! So some parts will be remote—perhaps in small groups input and focus—and, as always, clear teaching and preaching by those we’re blessed to have in our pulpit.

May God bless us all as we struggle through these times; what we thought was a sprint has become a marathon... May we all take comfort in God’s will for us as a people and as a parish. “It’s that time of year again.”



Dear friends,

Have you noticed how amazing it is that stewardship and ministry overlap in so many ways for Christians? Did you know that, if you’re baptized, you’re a minister *and* a steward? We serve the Lord and we care for each other and the world *because we’re baptized*. Here are three ways ministry and stewardship coincide:

- 1) The objective of ministry and stewardship are the same: personal transformation. Stewardship and ministry are primarily concerned with how our hearts have been changed because of the love of God.
- 2) Parish Leadership is on board. From the Rector through the entire

Vestry, and the staff: all of us are committed and supportive of the ministry and stewardship of St. Francis. We see our role as that of assisting everyone in finding their place in God’s world as His children, and living faithfully into that.

3) Ministry and stewardship are for all of us. Ordination relegates certain roles to ‘professionals,’ and training is certainly the purview of others in leadership. But being a *minister* is about nothing more, and nothing less, than serving God. Stewardship is the same. And these two, stewardship and ministry, are the most fundamental parts of every Christian’s faithful walk. For instance, I don’t put my hours in at the office imagining that’s the fulfillment of my life in Christ. Nor can I casually write a check imagining that’s the extent of my caring for the world. Ministry and stewardship go hand in hand. They are a consequence of my faith and a thankful response for God’s blessings in my life. If both of these aren’t evidenced in my life, I’m falling far short of my personal transformation, being an exemplary leader, and the intentional furthering of my Christian walk.

To sum up: Ministry and Stewardship are everything we do, with everything we have, from God.

Pax et bonum (May God’s peace and goodness be yours,) fr david.





Treasurer's report

By [Robert Amos](#)
Email: treasure@gvvc.com

Greetings all,
Overall our finances at St. Francis by the Lake are doing well, due to your faithfulness and generosity. Thank you.

Here are our finances as of July 31, 2020.

Operations - Doing well - due to ongoing expenditure management and pledge contributions which are ahead of plan.

Revenues: Total revenue was \$180,047.81, which is better than planned by \$3,102.81.

Expenditures: Expenditures were \$189,371.65, which is lower (better) than planned by \$10,134.35.

Balance (Revenue minus Expenditures): We have a Operations deficit of \$9,323.84, which is better than planned by \$13,237.16.

Capital - Doing well.

Capital Campaign 2020 - 2022: Total contributions were \$66,002.84. Combined balance of Capital Campaign and Capital Campaign 2020 – 2022 Fund is \$104,500.88. We have started making monthly principal payments of \$6,060.00 to the Frost Line of Credit.

Debt Retirement: Contributions are \$32,063.00. The Debt Retirement Fund contains a balance of \$73,574.00.

Endowment Fund - Doing well.

Total in the fund is \$119,273.82, which is an increase of \$4,869.55.

Our funds as of August 31, 2020:

General Operating	\$	7,387.30
Debt Retirement	\$	73,574.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$	104,500.88
Endowment Fund	\$	119,273.82

Debt:

Frost Bank - Line of Credit:	\$	133,318.38
Crump Foundation:	\$	450,000.00
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. 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 transaction on credit card, debit card, 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@gvvc.com.

Face masks

By [Julie Chalk](#)

If you received a mask or masks from Julie Chalk earlier this year, perhaps they are starting to wear out from multiple washings, or the elastic has "died." If so, please let Julie know and she can repair them for you. Or, if you would like a cotton mask (reversible, with three layers and elastic ear pieces,) please contact

her at (830) 719-2425, or email her at jfrchalk@gmail.com and she will deliver one (or more) to you. She is asking that, for each mask, a donation of \$5 be made to St. Francis by the Lake for operations. Thank you!



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Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

By [Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer](#),
ECW President

We all continue to feel the impact of COVID 19. It seems to be affecting us in different ways, but we will get through this together!

Our September meeting was held on ZOOM. We had 20 ladies join us, and had a blast reconnecting through our stories as well as playing "Two Truths & A Lie" Many of us were surprised by the responses! Lots of fun!

With the cancelling of the rummage sale, we've encouraged folks to donate clothes and household goods to Pink Elephant Resale Stores (they give us a larger percentage from the proceeds for our items, but be sure to tell the manager you're donating for St. Francis.) Other organizations accepting donations include: CRRC, Communities in Schools, Crisis Center in NB, Family Promise in NB, and Salvation Army in NB.

With the recent relaxing of restrictions, we can now meet in person (we must still follow our protocols.) However our monthly meetings will also continue *via* ZOOM for those who are staying at home.

Here is our fall schedule: Oct - David Ricker, Exec. Dir. for Communities in Schools will give us an update on the situation in local schools; Nov - Maureen Schein, Devel. Dir. for CRRC to update us on their new building and services; Dec - Advent/Christmas Party (location TBD: hopefully the MOC!) Programs for 2021 will be announced after being confirmed.... stay tuned.

We very much want to stay connected with our parishioners during this time of physical distancing by helping through our Connections Ministry. We plan to augment the ministries of Community of Hope and the Vestry through mailed notes,

phone calls, text messages, or email. If you're interested in serving this way, please contact Mary Anne O'Bryan: maryanneobryant@gmail.com, cell: (336) 501-0731.

We're also asking parishioners to contribute *financially* to ECW, so we may support local ministries. As we've said, no fundraisers will be held this year. Details may be found by [clicking here](#).

I recommend checking out www.ecwnational.org, the National ECW website: I found their publications very informative and it is a great source for prayers. The poem below is from this month's publication.

*Praying with Sparrows:
A poem of the 2020 pandemic.
I never thought to pray with sparrows,
black throated wild,
scrambling for seeds cast carelessly on the hillside.
They hover thruout the hours like unceasing prayers
Giving thanks when no words can.
Warily they brave the rains, the frenzied force,
even my hoarse voice
an unknown thunder in their world.
Spring's worst storms roll by
and they sing unheard, choral chirping
drowned in human despair
Yet the birds of heaven will teach us.
Tomorrow I will not seek the wood-dark birds;
I must wait
for monochrome March skies to bend into blue,
and scatter millet
for featherless creatures, new and startled,
who do not yet know me.
And later, much later, pray with unfavored heart
and rejoice in light.
The healing of a new day.
—by Marilyn Hanchett, Westminster, MD*

The purpose of ECW is to empower women of St. Francis by the Lake to carry on Christ's work: in the parish, the community, and throughout the world. All our women are automatically members of ECW and are encouraged to participate in meetings and events. For more information, please call Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer at (210) 885-6886: ronnie78133@gmail.com.

Until we meet again, stay safe and healthy! Blessings, Ronnie

October anniversaries

Tom and Cary Corbin 10/1
Mike and Carlie Maciejewski 10/9

October birthdays

Becky Weaver 10/2
Ginger Rose 10/3
Teresa St. John 10/3
Jake Benham 10/5
David Deatherage 10/6
Jackson Bosenbark 10/7
Janis Allen 10/9
Debbie Barnwell 10/11
Becki Nichols 10/11
George Glasby 10/18
Bruce Smith 10/20
Hollie Malone 10/21
Richard Meinke 10/21
Libby Templeton 10/22
Frank Matthewson 10/24
Alice Meinke 10/25
Janet Pollock 10/25



CRRC Needs

The food pantry is in need of:

canned green beans;
canned corn;
canned applesauce;

canned chicken noodle soup;

Progresso soup (our elderly would love to just open a can and heat to eat!)
and paper towels.

All contributions are appreciated.

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In loving memory

Carrol "Chitt" Gordon Chittenden
June 10, 1940 - September 21, 2020



Caregiver Support

Group now meeting in person

By Julie Chalk

After a six month break, the St. Francis Caregiver Support Group is meeting in person again. Scheduled on the third Monday of the month in the St. Francis Room, our next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. We will use our protocols, including face masks and physical distancing. This group is appropriate for anyone who cares for someone else, or assists someone with activities of daily life. If you have questions, please contact Julie Chalk at (830) 719-2425 or at jfrchalk@gmail.com.

Daughters of the King



By Susan Kelch, Chapter President

As I prepared for my first meeting as president, I relied heavily on several people: especially Fr. David, Brenda Amos, Lynda Leadford, Carol Glasby, Lynn Zimmerman, Ronnie Schwakhofer, Debbie Barnwell, and Tamara Huneau. They've helped me understand my role and helped form a plan for moving forward.

A great resource for Daughters is

the national website. During this coming year, it will be very important for our plans. They've developed a 2018-2024 Strategic Plan with good materials. It seems fitting that we, as a local chapter, dive into these resources to examine ourselves, personally and collectively, locally and globally, to see where and how we can continue our supportive work. Through the year we'll study and consider how the national goals apply to us.

The Daughters' focus on prayer is what drew me to this ministry in the first place. It's been my personal experience, in my life and in others', that prayer is powerful. And so I plan to continue to focus on powerful, passionate prayer.

I look forward to a great year, as

we move forward together as Daughters of the King.

Blessings, Susan

Do you like plants?

By Julie Chalk

Do you like plants? If so, Julie Chalk has an abundance of aloe vera (without the spines) and kalanchoes (with red flowers) to give away. They are available in small, medium, or large pots and are appropriate for indoors or out. They're easy to grow, even without a "green thumb." If you are interested, please call or text Julie at (830) 719-2425, or email jfrchalk@gmail.com and she'll deliver one (or more) to you.

Advertisement for Canyon Lake Noon Lions Drive-Through Shrimpfest. Includes logos for a shrimp character, Lions International, and a green car. Text: CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS ANNOUNCE OUR 2020 DRIVE-THROUGH SHRIMP FEST. It wouldn't be October without the Canyon Lake Noon Lions annual Shrimpfest!!!! Come celebrate our quarter century of serving gulf-raised, fresh off the boat, boiled shrimp on Saturday, October 17th, at the CRRC Recreation Center, 125 Mabel Jones Drive (below Canyon Dam) from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Now in our 25th year of serving fantastic shrimp to the Canyon Lake community, we can't let a pandemic get the way of this annual tradition. Masked, gloved Lions will box your serving of fresh boiled shrimp, along with a helping of baked potato salad and coleslaw, in a carry-out clam shell box and deliver it to your vehicle. As in past years, tickets are \$12.00 each and are available from any Lion or in the drive-in line on October 17th. Credit cards, cash, and checks accepted. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, no indoor seating will be available. We want to keep our guests safe so we've had to forgo the annual mega-affle! We're disappointed and we know you all are too, but safety and the health of our Lions and community are foremost. CDC guidelines for food preparation and events and gatherings will be adhered to. We Serve. CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS CHARITIES IS A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION