



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

In 2005 Dean Wolfe, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, wrote a summary of the basic tenets of Episcopal theology. This summer we are printing Bishop Wolfe's statement in two parts. This is part one; the second will run in August.

A Brief Statement of Our Faith

There is an old saying in our branch of Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church that we pray what we believe. The core of Episcopal theology is contained in *The Book of Common Prayer*, which is the description of our common life expressed in our public worship of the triune God. It reflects the breadth of catholic (universal) teaching going back to the earliest followers of Jesus and includes the reforming ideals of the architect of the first *Book of Common Prayer* in 1549, Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer. In addition, we are shaped by the early tradition of the ecumenical councils of the Church. One of the councils produced the Nicene Creed (Prayer Book, page 358), a normative statement of the Christian faith said at each celebration of the Holy Eucharist by Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Episcopalians and many other Christians throughout the world.

The Nature of God

We believe in God as revealed in the Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Spirit. Episcopalians affirm that God is the creator of the universe. In the Catechism, "An Outline of the Faith," it states that "...there is one God, the Father almighty, creator of

heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen." (Prayer Book, page 846).

The Nature of Jesus Christ

Episcopalians believe that Jesus is the Christ, God incarnate, the Savior, the unique Son of God – the second person of the Holy Trinity, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God (Nicene Creed, Prayer Book, page 327). He was born of the Virgin Mary and is the perfect image of the Father, for he alone is without sin and shows us the nature of the Father. We further believe the ancient truth that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. He suffered death, was buried and on the third day rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. (Nicene Creed, Prayer Book, page 327).

The Role of Scripture

The Holy Scriptures are of fundamental importance to Episcopalians. Congregations throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas hear readings from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Epistles and the Gospels each Sunday. We affirm that they "...contain all things necessary to salvation." (from the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral, Prayer Book, page 877). They are the divinely inspired, revealed Word of God and are the primary authority for the Church and the life of individual Christians. We believe the Scriptures are true at a number of different levels. To believe there is "only" a literal sense is to misunderstand

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General Convention set to convene in July

Kansas Episcopalians can follow events on Web

Episcopalians will be in the spotlight for 10 days this month, as the General Convention convenes in Anaheim.

Lay deputies will be Larry Bingham and Bob Skaggs, both of St. Michael's, Mission; Mike Morrow of St. John's, Wichita; and Frank Connizzo of St. Paul's, Manhattan. Clergy deputies are the Very Rev. Kate Moorehead of St. James' in Wichita; the Rev. Lisa Senuta, St. Michael's, Mission; the Very Rev. Jerry Adinolfi, St. Paul's, Coffeyville; and the Rev. Gar Demo, St. Thomas, Overland Park.

Deputies were elected during 2007's Diocesan Convention. Kansas deputies will be blogging during the General Convention, keeping Kansas Episcopalians up to date on events. Melodie Woerman, who handles communications for the diocese, will be providing "primary source material" and information will also be available through national Web sites, which may be accessed through the diocesan Web site.

At June's meeting of the Northwest Convocation (of which St. Andrew's is a member), delegates were reminded that these sources are our most reliable, as national news media tend to focus their attention on any controversial issues and too often fall short when it comes to digging behind the headlines to the depth of the story.

It's important to remember, as the events of the General Convention unfold, that the people who will be voting on issues are deputies, not delegates. Delegates are representatives of their home parishes, convocations or dioceses, acting not just their own, but taking into consideration any wishes that their parishes, convocations or dioceses may have expressed and "delegated" to them. Deputies, on the other hand, are "deputized" to listen to debates and vote as the Holy Spirit leads them.

During the convention, we are all asked to hold our deputies and Bishop Wolfe in our daily prayers.

Candidates sought for diocesan posts

At October's Diocesan Convention, delegates will be selecting members of the Council of Trustees and the Ecclesiastical Court. Anyone who is interested in being nominated for one of these positions should get in touch with St. Andrew's delegates Jim Heasley or Lynn Bonney as soon as possible.

Nominations must be received by the diocesan office by Aug. 3, so please allow time to complete any necessary paperwork. A biography (in Word) and a digital photo are required.

Vacation Bible School is coming

Summer wouldn't be the same without Vacation Bible School. St. Andrew's is again joining with Emporia Presbyterian and St. Mark's Lutheran churches to sponsor a family-oriented program. The scheduled dates are July 19-22.

Deborah Cotterman, our parish's representative to the planning committee, will have more details as they develop and she'll let everyone know about opportunities to volunteer.

Our shopping cart needs more food and non-perishable items ...

When you're shopping for your own pantry, think of the people in our community who are struggling to make ends meet, as food prices continue to rise. Please leave your non-perishable grocery items in the shopping cart outside the Parish Hall.

What's needed? Canned soups, vegetables, spaghetti sauce and pasta, boxed dinners, cereal, peanut butter (and jelly). Actually, anything non-perishable that's on your own shopping list will help another family in Emporia.

Looking ahead

- July 9** The vestry will meet at 7 p.m. in the conference room. All vestry meetings are open to everyone and parishioners are welcome to attend.
- July 18-22** Vacation Bible School at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. More information to come.
- July 28** The women of St. Andrew's will gather for their monthly luncheon, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Ranch. These are casual events and participants are encouraged to come and go as their schedules allow.
- Aug. 9** Blessing of backpacks for students who are getting ready for the first day of school. Watch for details in the August Crossroads.

What happens on Wednesday evenings?

Most of our university students are away from Emporia for the summer, but the Wednesday evening Eucharist and supper group continue to get together. Like the students, our cooks are taking a summertime break, so the Wednesday supper usually means going out for a casual dinner or ordering pizza to share in the parish hall.

The 6 p.m. informal Eucharist and supper have become a time for fellowship among parishioners as well as the opportunity to give students a sense of parish family. Summer might be a good time for those who haven't experienced the service to get a taste of the weekly gatherings.

Check your calendar see if you can't find time for this new tradition.

End the day with Evening Prayer

Gary Mason continues to lead Evening Prayer at 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in the Mary Chapel. The spoken office follows Rite I in the Book of Common Prayer.

Adult reading group continues

Discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's "The Seeds of Heaven" begins at 10 a.m. each Sunday in the parish hall. The book comprises short sermons, each a meditation on a portion of Matthew's Gospel. Because each discussion is self-contained, spirited and informal, it's easy for people to join in as their schedules allow.

After a brief break, the reading group will resume in the fall, with a new book.

Congrats to new great-grandparents

Two recent births presented St. Andrew parishioners with great-grandsons. Shirlee Ebberts is great-grandma to Mason Dean Jenkins, born June 17 at Newman Regional to Jordan and Amy Jenkins of Emporia.

Caedon Defoor was born on June 20 in Wichita to Weston Defoor and Ashley Baty of Wichita. John and Shirley Bannon are his great-grandparents.

Congratulations!



O God, whose Spirit guides us into all truth and makes us free: Strengthen and sustain us as you did your servants Elizabeth, Amelia, Sojourner, and Harriet. Give us vision and courage to stand against oppression and injustice and all that works against the glorious liberty to which you call all your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.—The proper collect for the feast of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman, liberators and prophets, celebrated July 20.

(Pictured top: Amelia Bloomer and Elizabeth Cady Stanton; bottom: Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman)

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

- July 2 Tony Joseph
 July 3 Alice Azzun
 July 4 Kelby Harrell
 July 7 Bill Barnes
 July 12 Nancy Toms
 July 23 Barbara MacGregor
 Sid Conger
 July 26 David Walker
 July 31 Mary Mingenback

Baptisms

- July 13 Gary Mason
 July 21 Donna Eudaley

Confirmations

- July 26 Ann North
 Bill North

Marriages

- July 10 Sid and Terri Conger
 July 18 Jim and Judy Heasley

We remember

- July 2 Jane Elizabeth Mahnson Ballard
 Beverly Hartsook
 Robert Hollingshead
 Mattie Kirk Jones
 July 3 MaryBelle Gideon
 July 5 Paul F. Bailey
 July 6 Giles E. Russell
 July 7 Harriet Brown
 July 8 Cornelia Hardcastle Conwell
 Stauffer
 July 10 Bruce Perrin
 July 12 Betty Badger
 July 17 Leona Wortman
 July 19 Sara E. Smith
 Thomas B. Welch
 July 20 Dean F. Allen
 Richard Barnes
 Sally Mason
 July 21 Flora Oberdick Anderson Kopke

Milestones

- July 24 Ruby Crocker Gallagher
 July 26 Cynthia Beitz
 Jeffrey Beitz
 William Lindsay White
 July 27 Annette Vincent
 July 28 Jill Bannon
 July 29 Henry Schoap Jr.
 July 30 Ralph E. Purviance
 July 31 Kristi Diane Hicks
 Walter Tyson

Ordination to the diaconate

- July 22 Kelley Lackey II

If your special date in July hasn't been included in the calendar, please let Karen in the church office know so she can add it to our listings.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

Those needing strength and healing: *Those needing strength and healing:* Liz Hollar, Reese Naylor, Briley Naylor, Terri Landeck, Tim Mai, Vazia and her family, Jud Lackey, Suzanne Pontius, Diane Valentine, Jennifer Nimh, the Nhem family, Jackie Lake. ***Loved ones in the military:*** Gregg Etter, Bob Garven, John, Eric Muecke, Christopher Little, Molly, Aaron Riley, Daniel Pearson, Chris Milan, Eewardardo Mendoza.

(As space permits, the prayer list as of publication date will be included monthly.)

July Server Schedule

| | July 5 | July 12 | July 19 | July 26 | August 2 | August 9 |
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| Chalice bearer | S. McKinney | G. Garcia | P. Kelley | S. McKinney | R. Mitchell | G. Garcia |
| Priest server | P. Kelley | R. Mitchell | J. Davis | J. Davis | P. Kelley | R. Mitchell |
| Crucifer | S. McKinney | G. Garcia | G. Mason | P. Davis | C. Anderson | G. Mason |
| Torch 1 | A. Mitchell | A. Mitchell | C. Anderson | C. Anderson | A. Mitchell | C. Anderson |
| Torch 2 | P. Davis | W. Dyer | P. Davis | W. Dyer | W. Dyer | A. Mitchell |
| Lector | M. Amend | M. Mingenback | L. Bonney | M. Amend | M. Mingenback | B. Barnes |
| Intercessor | L. Bonney | B. Clamurro | M. Harrell | B. Clamurro | L. Bonney | M. Harrell |
| Nursery 1 | A. Jacob | J. Scheuerman | S. Brinkman | A. Jacob | J. Hubert | J. Hubert |
| Nursery 2 | N. Jacob | L. Lingenfelter | J. Hubert | N. Jacob | L. Lingenfelter | J. Scheuerman |
| Greeter 1 | L. Bonney | D. Mai | N. Romine | D. Mai | TBD | D. Mai |
| Greeter 2 | TBD | S. Mai | J. Hubert | S. Mai | L. Bonney | S. Mai |
| LEV 1 | L. Bonney | G. Garcia | G. Mason | S. McKinney | L. Bonney | G. Mason |
| LEV 2 | P. Kelley | J. Hubert | P. Kelley | B. Barnes | P. Kelley | G. Garcia |

Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.

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the Gospel in the same way Nicodemus did when Jesus told him"...No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." Nicodemus understood this literally as a re-entering into the womb. Jesus responded, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit." (John 3:5) Jesus is speaking metaphorically, and he often employs parables, which have a literal truth, a moral truth, a truth about salvation and the metaphorical interpretation of the story. The Holy Spirit serves to guide the Church in all these interpretations.

There are certainly some parts of the Bible, like the Song of Songs, which were intended to be read metaphorically. To deny there is a metaphorical meaning to the Scriptures is to deny the Church's long history of interpreting the Bible. One need not have *only* a literal or *only* a metaphorical understanding of the Bible. One can, as I do, believe in the truth of the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection and believe in their metaphorical, moral and salvation-giving meanings as well.

+Dean Wolfe

**June Family Night held at the Jacob's**

Nick and Ann Jacob hosted Family Night in June with a barbeque at their house. Pictured above are three friends of the Jacob family with: (front row) Nolan Jacob, Abigail Jacob, Zoe Dyer; (back right) Christopher and Chad Anderson; (photos on the right clockwise) Nolan; Mary Mingenback; Leigh Lingenfelter. Parish families and friends with or without children are welcome at these monthly get-togethers, usually held the first Friday of the month.

From the Treasurer

The following pledge receipts have been received for May 2009:

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| Pledge receipts for May 3 | \$2,143.60 |
| Pledge receipts for May 10 | 1,368.00 |
| Pledge receipts for May 17 | 765.00 |
| Pledge receipts for May 24 | 1,006.60 |
| Pledge receipts for May 31 | <u>1,818.60</u> |
| Total May Receipts | \$7092.80 |

Amount needed to meet budgeted expenses \$14,488.75

(\$2,897.75 x 5)

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—Mary Mingenback



From the Senior Warden

Any day can be Children's Day

After giving Mother's Day and Father's Day space in the Crossroads, I thought I would naturally proceed to Children's Day. Researching the Internet, here's what I found:

Children's Day is celebrated on various days and in many countries around the world: Wikipedia proclaims June 1; New York, June 13; United Nations, Nov. 20; International Children's Day, second Sunday in December.

Just as I thought: Any day is a good day to celebrate children.

The point is that we love having the children making their baby sounds during church, walking up and down the aisle during the Peace and scampering around the tables during the coffee hour. It is also a real treat to see several little ones follow Cori Anderson into and out of the chapel during church. Their little efforts towards learning about religion are priceless. We are most thankful for their presence in our lives and we celebrate them every day.

Here are some solemn revelations of children trying to make religious order of their lives. I hope they are as endearing to you as they were to me.

A 7-year-old, staring into space for some minutes, was heard to quietly murmur, "Everything would have been just fine if Mary and Joseph hadn't eaten that apple."

"Mrs. Price said we have to go to church on Wednesday," a young son announced. "Why is that?" the mother wanted to know. "Because," he reported seriously, "it is the Assumption of Urgent Mary."

At the conclusion of the Ten Commandments, an 8-year old-boy proudly finished with, "Thou shall not convert they neighbor's wife."

Coming home from church many years ago, a little boy was pondering a question. Because of the approaching Trick or Treat night, a religious connection was beginning to take form. "Mother," he said seriously, "is the Holy Ghost what God dresses up like, on Halloween?"

While admonishing the younger children for dropping too many cookie crumbs on the carpet, one clever 4-year-old asked, "Why don't we just pray for ants to come clean them up?"

At dinner, during a recent Saturday Night Trivia, the mother asked, "How many were in attendance at the Last Supper?"...The oldest of three shouted out, "Thirteen. One for each colony."

As I was explaining to the Sunday preschool class about the miracle of how a baby rabbit escaped the jaws of death from my kitty, a bright 4-year-old wanted to know, "Is that like the miracle of the Holy Trinity?"

One mother, the product of mingling a Methodist with a Roman Catholic, told this story on herself. Coming together in an Episcopal Church, she sang along with her parents and the congregation: "Oh Sam-u-el in the High-est."

Happy Children's Day to you.

—Sue Wilson

Don't forget the "Community Care Points" program

St. Andrew's has joined the Community Care Points program. When you buy groceries at Price Chopper or the Country Mart stores, let the cashier know that you would like to receive the points with your order. For every \$25, the register will print one point. Turn the points in to Karen in the office and when we have a good number of points we can redeem them. Each point is worth 5 cents, so when we have 1000 points, we get \$50.00.

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July 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the August Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it by noon that day to office@standrewsemporia.org.

**Visit the parish website at
www.StAndrewsEmporia.org**



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