

Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

FROM THE DESKS OF
PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

Dear Friends in Christ,

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult...The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." Psalm 46: 1-3, 7

In the past month we have seen a series of natural and not so-natural disasters occur, hurricanes, earthquakes and fires, bringing in their wake much damage. In fact, as I write this article my sister-in-law whose family is from Puerto Rico is waiting anxiously to hear from loved ones that they are okay, but without power on the island they have no way of communicating with them at this time.

Such events are sometimes hard to explain and can even cause us to question God. But the questions come, I believe, because we have a mistaken notion about God and what it means to follow God.

When these type of events happen, somehow we get sucked into thinking that believing in God means God will remove all tragedy and discomfort from our lives. Or that if such things happen they must be a part of God's plan. But that is not exactly what scripture says. What scripture says is that God is 'our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.' The implication being that yes, there will be trouble. The mountains will shake and tremble, tornadoes and hurricanes will happen, illness will happen, even untimely death will happen. But when these things happen, God's plan is to be with us through the midst of them—to be our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Dave Dravecky, the former baseball pitcher, who lost his pitching arm to cancer, in one of his books, talks about an eye-opening trip he took to Africa many years ago. There, he said, he was amazed at the difference in how Christians in Africa tended to pray from those of us in America. Whereas we often pray that God would remove whatever trial we are going through from us; African Christians pray that God would strengthen them so that they will make it through their trials. Would that we would learn to pray as the African Christians do; for in doing so we will find a grace and strength that only God can give and promises to give because He loves and care for us.

Pray for Power

Do not pray for easy lives;

pray to be stronger.

Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers;

pray for powers equal to your tasks.

Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle,

but you yourself shall be a miracle.

Every day you shall wonder at yourself,

at the richness of life which has come to you

by the grace of God.

Phillip Brooks

Pastor Sheryl



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Sunday service: 10:30am
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Mitchell Ministerial

Association Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is asking for the following donation item(s):

October-pancake mix

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

Karen French (308)623-188

Backpack Program

The Backpack Program is asking for the

Following donation item(s):

Individual powdered milk or

Individual packs of cereal

Vestry Meeting

Just a reminder our next vestry meeting will be following services on October 8.

Newsletter Request

Just a reminder that if any of you would like information included in the monthly newsletter, please e-mail me the information and I will put it in the following issue. I usually try to publish the newsletter right before the last Sunday of the current month; that way I can be sure all relevant information gets published prior to its date.

Next Community Meal

Just a reminder that Holy Apostles will be hosting another community meal next month, on November 29. Next month we will have a German theme for our evening of fun! Please plan to join us for good food and great company.

Annual Council

The 150th Diocese of Nebraska Annual Council will take place October 19-21 in North Platte at the Sandhills Convention Center.

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October Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
9/24	Deb/Jenny	Clancy	Larry W/Steve J	Chris & Steph	Deb
10/1	Leann/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Gilbert K/Lee H	Steve & Sylvia	Pete & Nancy
10/8	Steph/Jenny	Clancy	Larry W/Lee H	Gilbert & Patty	Lee & Jenny
10/15	Andee/Maryruth	Matt	Gilbert K/Nick S	Nick & Katy	Leann & Nancy
10/22	Marilyn J/Jenny	Mary & Merrill	Steve J/Larry W	Steve & Marilyn	Andee
10/29	Deb/Maryruth	Matt	Nick S/Lee H	Nikki R	Chris & Steph
11/5	Amber/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	Gilbert K/Steve J	Pete	Nick & Katy

October Altar: Marilyn Wagner & Nancy Sato

October Coffee Hour snacks provider: Sharon Francisco

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

10/1	Aiden Meysenburg	10/12	Joslyn Kurtz
10/6	Weston Cannon	10/14	Reece Meysenburg
10/8	Steve Johnson	10/21	Sheryl Kester-Beyer
10/10	Corlette Allbaugh	10/29	Julie Lane
10/10	Kinsey Knaub	10/30	Joni Hotz
10/10	Laura Kurtz	10/30	Leonard Sakurada

Anniversaries:

10/10 Matt & Alex Nation

October Altar Flowers

Given by:

10/8 Don & Nikki Rose

In memory of:

Mike & Neva Jones, Lloyd & Lorene Rose and Lloyd Rose Jr.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

October 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	2	3	4	5 1:00 pm ECW meeting @ church	6 Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	7
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15* 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	16	17	18	19	20 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	21
22 9:30 am Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service 4-6 pm Confirmation Class	23	24	25	26	27 Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	28
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*As third Sunday, October 15 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in offering plate will go to this fund.