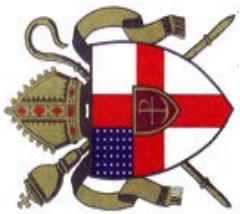


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# Chimes

## Search Committee Update

Christ Cathedral Search Committee has started to receive profiles from prospective candidates.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact a member of the search committee. The committee members and their contact information is listed below:

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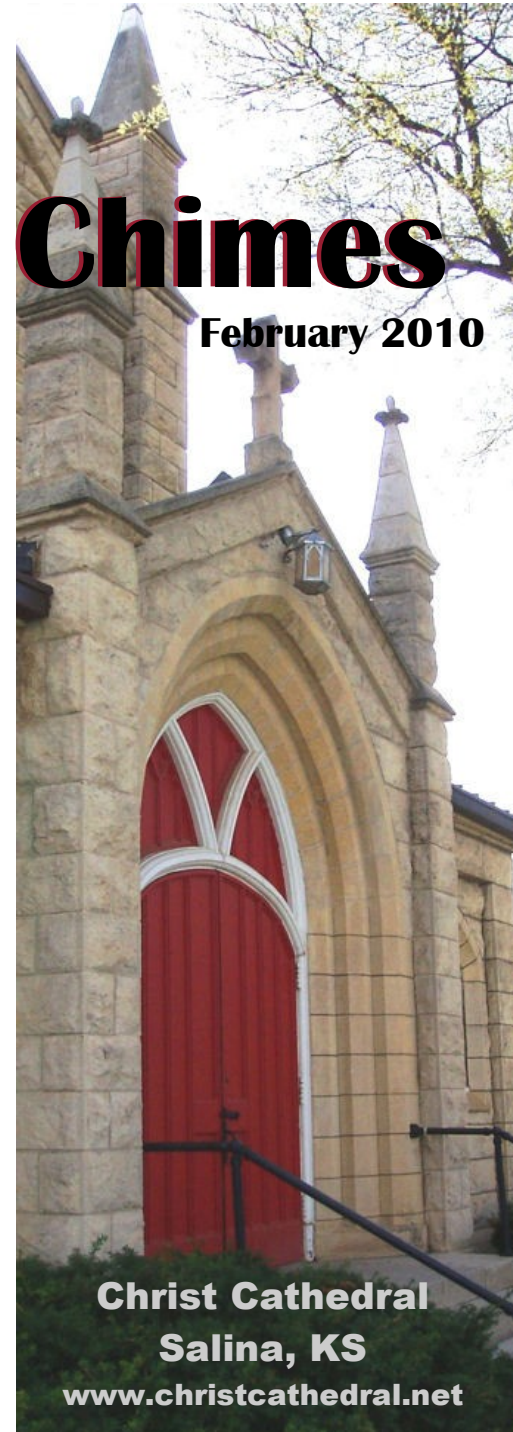
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*Remember man that thou art dust  
and  
unto dust you shall return*

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles.

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Lent begins on February 17 and ends on April 3, 2010, which is the day before Easter. In most churches, the decorations are purple, the royal color, to prepare for the King.

In many countries, the last day before Lent (called Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Carnival, or Fasching) has become the last fling before the solemnity of Lent. For centuries, it was customary to fast by abstaining from meat during Lent, which is why some people call the festival Carnival, which is Latin for *farewell to meat*.

At Christ Cathedral, we begin with a celebration on Shrove Tuesday (pancakes and sausage) February 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. The Men's Bible group will do the cooking and our Youth will serve. Proceeds go to the Acolyte Fund. Our Ash Wednesday services will be at 12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m. with the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist and at 7:00 p.m. at Church of the Incarnation. Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. in the church. You are called to partake in a Holy Lent.

## PRAYER AND FASTING

We talk about “imitating Christ,” but we only want to imitate whatever He did that fits our tastes. Some of us are deeply concerned about social issues, so we seek to “imitate Christ” in His concern for the poor and needy. We run homeless shelters and soup kitchens; our churches house free clinics and AA meetings. We rent our building to a start-up congregation, and we have joined services with a different denomination.

Some of us are deeply concerned about moral issues, so we seek to “imitate Christ” in His confrontations with the Pharisees. We picket porno shops and demonstrate about abortion or pro-choice; our churches work with political candidates. We hold youth rallies and family nights to build good values and we hold alternative celebrations for teens where no alcohol is served.

Some of us are deeply concerned with doctrinal orthodoxy, so we seek to “imitate Christ” in His teachings. We give classes in exegetics and Biblical languages; our churches host guest speakers on archaeology and hold public seminars on prophesy. We host trips to the Holy Land and we educate each member on every doctrinal point.

But how many of us retreat to a mountain to pray for a whole night just because we have important decisions to make the next morning?

How many of us fast, as Jesus fasted, as an adjunct to prayer? Jesus never ran a homeless shelter. He never picketed for new legislation. He didn't start study groups on end-time events. But he prayed all night on the mountain, and once he fasted for forty days. Are we truly imitating Christ, or are we rationalizing our behavior?

When Jesus taught us how to pray, He didn't say, “If you elect to pray, do it this way...”and when He taught about fasting, He didn't say, “If you elect to fast, do it this way...”

He said, *when* you pray, don't do it for show like the hypocrites do. It is a conversation between you and God. And He gave us the Lord's prayer as an example of what we should pray about. 1. Address God. 2. Submit to God's will. 3. Ask for your physical needs. 4. Ask for forgiveness. 5. To the degree that you yourself are willing to forgive... 6. Ask for help with temptations. 7. Ask preservation from evil.

To fast, just omit an item or two from your diet...something that you would normally eat during the course of the day. Every time you get an appetite for those items, you will be reminded of your fast and that will remind you of the reason for your fast, *(continued on page 7)*



and you can pray instead of eating. This can have immense spiritual benefit.

Do you fast and pray? If you don't, your spiritual life is unbalanced. When was the last time you prayed for ten minutes? When was the last time you skipped lunch to spend time with God? If you think it is necessary to have quality time with your children, how much more would God want quality time with you?

“Imitating” Jesus: Jesus never said, “if you love me, you will imitate me.” What he said was, “if you love me, you will obey what I command.” **I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. (BCP pg. 265)**

Grace and Peace  
The Very Rev. Jerry S. Jones, Dean

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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will follow the Stations of the Cross during Lent on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. This is a wonderful Lenten discipline. It will give you a chance to see our marvelous Stations that have been placed on the cathedral walls and experience Jesus' journey to the cross for us and for our salvation.

### SHROVE TUESDAY AND ASH WEDNESDAY

We begin Lent with our traditional Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 16. We will serve pancakes and sausage, coffee and juice beginning at 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the parish hall. The proceeds from this event will go to the Acolyte Fund to help with supplies for our great young folks who serve each Sunday at the altar.

Lent officially begins on Wednesday, (ASH WEDNESDAY) February 17. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated with the Imposition of Ashes at 12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m. in the cathedral church.

### WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST AND HEALING SERVICE

We have been experimenting with the Wednesday service. And NO! It hasn't worked out too well. We are going back to the original time of 5:00 p.m. and see if that will work out. Let us know your pleasure in this regard. It is felt that a mid-week service is appreciated as well as having a service for healing. Your input is important so that we can accommodate your needs.



## Notes:

Chimes: The deadline for submitting items for the Chimes is the 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any information that needs to go in the Chimes, please have it to the office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Website: Jennifer Favre, Christ Cathedral Webmaster, has revamped and updated the Cathedral Website, [www.christcathedral.net](http://www.christcathedral.net). Check it out! If you have any information to be added to the website, please send it to [webmaster@christcathedral.net](mailto:webmaster@christcathedral.net).

Feed the Hungry: Our Feed the Hungry program fed lunches to 224 persons in December. The numbers are lower this month because of the bitterly cold weather. When it is severely cold, the homeless simply do not get out, even for food. We have to wait each day to see how many show up, because to set the food out is wasteful, since it will freeze. There have been those who select what they need from our closet of coats, bedrolls, gloves, hats, and blankets. We can be thankful for our own warm houses and hot meals.



Support Christ Cathedral every time you do a search on the Internet. Simply go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com), enter Christ Episcopal Cathedral in the "WHO DO YOU GOOD-SEARCH FOR?" line and begin your search. Christ Cathedral will benefit from your searches!

### LENTEN ADULT STUDY

Beginning on Thursday, February 18, we will begin our Lenten Study program. Ron Ratliff, our resident authority on C.S. Lewis will lead a class on Voyage of the Dawn Treader. The class will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays throughout Lent. There will be soup and dessert and class sessions. The books have been ordered. Many have expressed interest in this program. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. Sign up so we know how many to plan for.

### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are putting the finishing touches on the 2010 Church Directory. We plan to have it available by this Sunday. You can pick yours up following the services this week.



## Birthdays

- Feb. 2 - Jennifer Barnes
- Feb. 3 - Carolyn Peterson
- Feb. 4 - Linda Radke
- Feb. 5 - Ron Chandler
- Feb. 6 - Kay Bailey
- Feb. 7 - Damion Wheeler
- Feb. 9 - Fr. Bruce LeBarron
- Feb. 11 - Martha Shimp
- Feb. 14 - Becky Miller
- Feb. 15 - Charles Kephart
- Feb. 17 - Arthur Lee, Marilyn Murrison
- Feb. 18 - Mary Austin, Jim Roderick
- Feb. 20 - Yancy Trostle
- Feb. 21 - Carole Gilman
- Feb. 23 - Sue Anderson
- Feb. 25 - Jody Anderson
- Feb. 28 - Ed Brookman

## Anniversaries

- Feb. 4 - John and Melinda Ryberg
- Feb. 25 - Derius and Adrienne Mammen



Feb. 6 3:00 PM Acolyte Training  
Feb. 16 Shrove Tuesday  
5:30 to 7:00 PM Pancake Supper  
Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday  
12:00 noon and 5:30 PM  
*Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes*

## On - Going

<b>Sunday</b>	Holy Eucharist 8 am Rite I Holy Eucharist 10 am Rite II Sunday School 9 am Youth Group 5 pm
<b>Monday</b>	Noon Al-Anon, Library & 8 pm AA, Parish Hall Bible Study 6 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 pm AA - Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	Holy Eucharist, 10 am, Presbyterian Manor Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm Choir Practice 7 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	10 am Women's Bible Study—parish hall 10 am Men's Bible Study—library 6 pm Adult Lenten Book Study
<b>Friday</b>	5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday</b>	Holy Eucharist, 5 pm Rite II

Please let the church office know of additions or corrections to these lists.



## Election Results from the Annual Meeting

The current Vestry members have agreed to extend their term of office by 1 year in order to give the new Dean some continuity as we move forward in the life of the cathedral. Claire Campbell resigned her position on the vestry due to the family moving to the Kansas City area. George Cramer was elected to take her place. Our vestry members are: Carolyn Peterson (Sr. Warden), Derius Mammen (Jr. Warden), Larry Hower (Treasurer), Jo Reed, Vicky Nichols, Bob Kruger, Harry Smith, Mary Powell, Wayne DeBey, George Cramer. Linda Favre was appointed to be Clerk of the Vestry.

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention were elected: Carolyn Peterson, George Cramer, Jennifer Favre, Larry Hower, Pam Smith; and Alternates: Jo Reed, Gene Peterson, Harry Smith, Linda Favre.

## Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to our Episcopalian family for your prayers, messages of support, and positive energy during Ted's illness. As we celebrate having Ted here for his twenty-second birthday, we know that it wouldn't have been possible without you. His recovery was nothing short of miraculous and we can testify to the power of love and prayers.

Thanks especially to Father Jerry for coming so quickly to Salina Regional Health Center when Ted got sick and to Mother Phyllis, for stopping in to visit and pray with us at St. Luke's. You both were an essential part of Ted's recovery and we appreciated having you there.

Again, our love and thanks to you all --

Boo, Melissa, Ted, and Grant Hodges

To the congregation of Christ Cathedral:

I would like to thank you for the Christmas Purse that was given to me. It was very kind of you to remember me during this time of the year. The monetary gift went toward new music which I will share with you on Sunday mornings and other special occasions. Please accept my greatest appreciation for the gift.

Sincerely,  
Canon Royce Young



## Vestry Report

The Vestry met on Sunday, December 20, 2009. Those present: Fr. Jones, Claire Campbell, Wayne DeBey, Steve Hoffman, Larry Hower, Bob Kruger, Derius Mammen, Vicky Nichols, Carolyn Peterson, Jo Reed and Harry Smith. Not present: Mary Powell.

**Sr. Warden's Report:** Carolyn reported that Fr. Jones' salary and schedule will change as follows: He will be coming in on Saturday morning and not on Thursdays and he will be earning a total of \$2,000 (\$1,500 salary, \$500 mileage) per month instead of \$3,000 (\$2,500 salary, \$500 mileage). This change will begin in February. Carolyn moved, seconded by Derius Mammen to have Fr. LeBarron be of service to Presbyterian Manor only and be paid \$300 per month for these services. An additional amount will be paid to him when his services are needed at the cathedral. This change will take place in February. Motion carried. Church of the Incarnation's Senior Warden sent the cathedral a letter discussing combining some upcoming special services, rather than each congregation having separate, but duplicate services. Bob Kruger will contact their Sr. Warden. The vestry term of Claire Campbell, Jo Reed, and Vicky Nichols will expire at the beginning of 2010. Carolyn suggested keeping Jo and Vicky on the Vestry thru the seating of a new Dean. Claire's vacancy will be filled by an election at the Annual Meeting January 31. On January 10, 3 persons are scheduled for Confirmation and 1 to be received. There will be a pot-luck lunch after the service. On January 24, the Cathedral will host a reception for a Catholic priest who will be received into The Episcopal Church and our diocese. (P.S. This event was cancelled due to scheduling problems.) Jo Reed moved, seconded by Derius Mammen that we divide \$1,200 among our staff with funds we already have for the Christmas Purse. Any contributions that are made to the Christmas Purse will be put back into the fund to reimburse the money used; motion carried. Derius Mammen proposed, seconded by Harry Smith, to table the topic of Fr. Randy's insurance until our budget is formed for next year.

**Jr. Warden's Report:** Derius stated that we still need to get in touch with the company that removed the snow on our property last year and continue the contract. Derius talked with Phyllis Cramer and she is interested in helping with our "How To" book that ex-

plains the various procedures and vendors currently in place. Steve Hoffman would like to help with this project also.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of Friday, December 18, 2009 there was \$43,000 in our checking account, \$28,000 of this is reserved from our insurance claim and \$15,000 is reserved for our general operating funds. There will be \$20,500 in outstanding bills to be paid over the next 2 weeks. The Endowment will be invoiced for \$10,800. Larry suggested lowering the price of our Anniversary medals from \$26.50 to \$21.00. We have approximately 100 medals remaining. Larry has put together a rough draft for the 2010 budget. The vestry will review it and make recommendations at the January 17 Vestry meeting.

**Ministry Reports: Service:** Steve Hoffman will be finishing up the Red Cross Kits on Monday. He suggested having people "adopt" maintenance issues around the church. He will make a list of property needs. Also, the idea of "adopting our acolytes" was discussed again. **Worship:** Bob Kruger has been reading the report that our staff has turned in. One report had concerns about worship. He will be contacting that person. **Education:** Vicky Nichols reported that the Christmas Eve family service is set to go...youth will be participating. Tyler's wife, Nicole, knows of someone interested in working in our nursery on Sundays. The youth did a great job in helping with the Ashby House dinner. **Stewardship:** Harry Smith stated that there will be a reminder in the Chimes to those who have not turned in their pledge. Also, letters and phone calls will be made to those who have pledged in the past but have not returned a pledge for this coming year thus far. **School:** Jo Reed stated that last Thursday was the last day of the semester for Christ Cathedral Montessori School. The students hosted a tea for their family members in the Parish Hall. A morning and an afternoon session are planned for 2010-2011 school year. There are no budget worries for this year. Students brought in food, clothing, toothbrushes, cough drops, etc. for Feed the Hungry. The students call it "For our Lunch Visitors." **Search Committee:** Wayne DeBey reported that the paperwork has been turned in to the Bishop who will sign off and send it in to CDO.

