Lent is a word that means “spring.” And while Lent does indeed, most years, coincide with springtime, new life and light, the Church’s Lenten season is, if not “dark,” then its most somber and solemn of times.

Lent is a most important season in the life of the Church. It is a time to reexamine our lives as individuals and as a community. In church, and hopefully at home, we’ll spend more time on our knees these next six-and-a-half weeks, creating space for intimacy with God and focused on bettering our relationships and service to God and our neighbor.

It begins on Ash Wednesday when we hear those familiar and sobering (and, perhaps, even shocking) words that remind us of our mortality: “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” As an exclamation point, ashes are rubbed on our foreheads as both a sign of penitence and “creatureliness.” It is the stuff of which we are made and only our faith in and dependence on God our Creator will renew us and remind us that God’s grace is the stuff that makes us more—children of God and heirs, through God, of eternal life! Lent does remind us that we (our bodies) are dust and to dust we shall return, but Lent also prepares us (our spirits) for Easter and the hope and promise of life everlasting!

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From the Dean

On the First Sunday in Lent, it is our custom to begin with the Great Litany, an ancient prayer of the Church. On all of the other Sundays in Lent, we’ll begin our services with the Penitential Order, including the reading of the Decalogue (The Ten Commandments) or the Summary of the Law.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is Refreshment Sunday, and for cathedrals, Mothering Sunday. In ancient times, this was the day that people from other parishes made their annual pilgrimage to the cathedral (the Mother Church). For cathedral parishioners it is a day when all members (physically able) should be present, and it is an especially appropriate day for inviting others to the cathedral to worship. It is the only day of the year when the liturgical color is rose or pink! (Everyone is encouraged to wear pink or rose or some similar color on this day.)

Below are some special Lenten activities available to you, as well as some ongoing programs you may wish to consider as a part of your Lenten discipline and beyond:

- Feb. 12 – Shrove Tuesday (Italian) Supper, 6 p.m.
- Feb 13 – Ash Wednesday, Proper Liturgy with imposition of ashes, 12:10 p.m., and 6 p.m.
- March 3 – Choral Evensong, 4 p.m.
- Every Sunday at 9:30 – Sunday School for all ages
- Every Wednesday evening during Lent – worship and supper, 6 p.m.

I hope you’ll make special preparation for keeping a holy Lent through weekly corporate worship, scripture reading and reflection and prayer.

—I’ll see you in church, Steve+

Shrove Tuesday feast!

Shrove Tuesday is going Italian...again! The Cathedral Choristers will again host an Italian Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 6 to 7:15 p.m. as a fundraiser for our spring singing trip to St. Louis. It will take place in the Italian Wine Garden (also known as the Great Hall). We’ll have spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, desserts and beverages (including wine). No tickets, but do bring your money or your check book to make a donation to support our kids.

As is our tradition, we will gather on Wednesdays during Lent for worship and simple suppers. We begin at 6 p.m. with worship, followed by supper at 6:30. Please call the church office if you need childcare and we will provide it. Children are invited to stay with the adults for supper and the brief worship service.

We will have nursery care for small children (infant to age 6). Please call if you need care for older children (ages 6-12) and we will provide activities for them.

About the window...

Each month, we feature a small portion of a Cathedral stained glass window on the front cover of The Chimes. In this window, on the west aisle of the Nave, Jesus calls his first Disciples to leave their nets and follow him to become fishers of men. (Luke 5:4-11)
Grace Cathedral’s Friends & Families Group invites you to a

Wine tasting
Friday, February 8, 2013
6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Please bring a bottle of your favorite wine and your favorite cheese, hors d’oeuvre or dessert to complement your wine.

Dress is casual. Childcare will be provided with pizza and a movie for the kids.

Please RSVP to the Cathedral office, 235-3457, especially with childcare needs.

February 3-10
Adult Children of Aging Parents
In our survey last spring, several people indicated a desire for a class on this subject. The class is not just for those persons with aging parents but also for those of us who will be aging parents. Guest speaker Connie Michaelis will talk with us about senior life issues: hospice, nursing and retirement homes, power of attorney, healthcare directives, as well as mental health issues such as dementia / Alzheimer’s.

February 17-March 17
Lenten Series – The Promised Land
Join Pastor Pejakovich for a return visit to the Holy Land, via DVD, as he moderates a new session of faith Lessons. This five-Sunday mini-course will focus on Israel and the Middle East in ancient times, and the significance of its location. The DVD series will address geographic, political, archeological, and religious factors that molded the wandering tribe into the people of Israel, along with God’s purpose and the failures of his chosen people. The follow-up discussions will focus on the faith lessons we can learn from the happenings of these ancient times.

Refocus for Lent
Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
Give up worry — trust God to provide.
Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred — return good for evil.
Give up anger — be more patient.
Give up pettiness — become mature.
Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
Give up sin — turn to virtue.
Give up giving up — persevere.

—Author unknown
CATHEDRAL HAPPENINGS in January

Sharon Sturgeon received the sacrament of baptism at Grace Cathedral on Sunday, Jan. 13. Welcome to our newest sister in Christ!

MIQRA, January 19-21

Fifty diocesan senior high students gathered at Grace Cathedral for the annual weekend of Bible reading and other activities known as MIQRA, including eight Cathedral members. (See below) Top, L-R: Madeline Smith, John Hamilton, Helena Howell, Alayne Weber; Bottom, L-R: Jeremiah Shipman, Kalyssa McWilliams, Payge Quintana, Shawn Wilk. Adult staff from the Cathedral included Kitty Fapp, Scott and Sarah Shipman, Susan Weber, and Lisa and Tim Wilk. Cathedral members Daniel Richter and Lauren Smith attended MIQRA activities for the Middle School at St. David’s, Topeka.
Announcing a new Grace Cathedral website!

After about 10 years of the same look, we have completed a total redesign of Grace Cathedral’s website. Our main goal was to give the site a fresh, clean look that is easy to navigate. We also wanted to put a greater emphasis on what makes the Cathedral a church...and that’s our parishioners. We are a vibrant, active parish with a lot to showcase—from our worship services, to our music and art offerings, to our community outreach projects. There are a few things about the site that are still “in progress” and a few that will change from time to time. Check us out at www.GraceCathedralTopeka.org!

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

In addition to those listed in the Christmas Eve Service bulletin, the following people gave contributions for Christmas Flowers: Sam and Jenelle Carkhuff, in memory of Helen Frances and Don Davis, Nelle and Stacy Carkhuff, and in thanksgiving for Kim, Sam Jr. and Megan; Ann Jessop, in memory of Norman Jessop; Eric and Karmay Johnson, in memory of Andrew Johnson Jr., Andrew Johnson III and Alice Johnson.

Memorial Gift

A memorial gift from Jim Snyder honoring his son Ron has provided us with new choir modesty screens that match with our chancel rail, organ chests and altar area. The rails replace “temporary” furniture built by parishioners Lynne Overman and Bob Wilcox after the fire. The temporary furniture serve us for 35 years! Thanks to Lynne and Bob and thanks to Jim for these meaningful and beautiful gifts of love.

Parish Sympathies

Sympathies of the parish go out to the family of long-time Cathedral member Mary Farr who passed away January 23. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Recent Endowment Gifts

Over the past month, the Cathedral has also lost two other great and long-time members. Eldon Sloan, a Cathedral member for 80 years, and Evelyn Meade, a life-long member of 94 years, both passed away in December. All their lives they were devoted and faithful members, each of them most generous in their gifts. That generosity didn’t end with their deaths. Eldon left a gift with the Topeka Community Foundation that will continue his annual pledge in perpetuity. Evelyn left the Cathedral Endowment $600,000 and an additional gift to be used at the vestry’s discretion.

Both Eldon and Evelyn stood as great examples to all of us, in their lives and in their faithfulness to God and the church. May they be examples to us in their deaths as well. Remember the church in your estate planning. Remember the generations that will follow you through this place, just as we were remembered by those who came before us. We have a church built for us and a ministry begun for us by the generosity and planning of generations before. Let us be as generous and as thoughtful of the generations that will come.

If you would like information on how you can leave a legacy to Grace Cathedral through your will or make a special gift now to the Cathedral Endowment or another special fund, contact Dean Lipscomb or any member of the Cathedral Endowment Trustees.

Daughters of the King February meeting

The Order of the Daughters of the King will meet Sat., Feb. 2, 9 a.m., with Morning Prayer in St. Mary’s Chapel. Following worship and refreshments, Cathedral member Claudia McKensey will present a program on the Haitian Ministry. She will tell of her adventures while visiting and working in Haiti and of the many needs of the Haitian people. All women are invited to attend. Future programs this spring with be speakers from the Youth Empowerment Program and Topeka Civic Theatre, plus our annual Spring salad luncheon and installment of new officers.

New Verger begins

An addition has been made to the ceremonial verger team at the Cathedral. Elizabeth Massey recently joined David Porterfield, Ed Adams, Mark Ohlemeier & Mike Lesser serving in this ministry. Elizabeth is a long-time member of the Cathedral, serving as an acolyte team captain, thurifer, and chalice bearer.

Ceremonial vergers work with the Cathedral verger to maintain a smooth flow during our principal Sunday liturgy, along with services of Evensong, Holy Week, Easter and Christmas, and the diocesan convention and ordination services. Vergers who have served the Cathedral since the ministry began in 1984 include Kent Wingerson (staff), Scott Weir, Pete Bostwick, Charles Shipley (staff), The Rev. Bill Wolff, and Nancy Kelley.
Ed Navone is well known in the Topeka Arts Community, having taught Art and Art History at Washburn University for more than four decades! He has exhibited his work worldwide. This exhibit contains examples of some of his earlier work that has been restored as well as more recent contemporary pieces. A reception for Mr. Navone will be held Friday, February 1, 5:30-8 p.m. as part of Topeka ArtsConnect “First Friday ArtWalk.” The exhibit will be on display through the end of February.

The Cloister Gallery is open weekdays during regular office hours, and Saturdays and Sundays, 8:30-noon.

$643.90 is the amount the Manna for Grace program earned in its first month! Pretty good start. As we keep using our cards, this number will grow. How long before we reach our first target of $3000/month? A big thank you to all who have purchased a card. Keep reloading!

There are still several families that have yet to purchase a card. If you are one of them, please contact Margaret La Rue to place your order. We are working on filling a minimum order for Dillon’s cards. Place your order soon so that you can help us reach our goal!

Good news for Hy-Vee shoppers: Hy-Vee cards are available! Because these cards are not re-loadable, we purchase these cards the first of each month. Contact Margaret and she will help get you started.

Margaret La Rue: 785.221.4002 or larue1989@mac.com

After seeing some folks coming by the Cathedral for the Saturday Sack Lunch program with no coats or with socks covering their hands, Dean Lipscomb made a request one Sunday morning for Cathedral members to donate any extra coats they might have. The response was outstanding!

Thank you to everyone who donated coats, gloves, scarves and sweatshirts. At this point, we have more than enough to help those we serve on Saturdays so no further donations are needed at this time.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” —Matthew 25:40

Join our Cathedral volleyball and softball teams!

Sign up for Spring volleyball and Summer softball for Cathedral members and staff. The six-week volleyball season plays Friday evenings from Feb. 22 through March 29. Weekly play consists of two matches of three games each. Summer softball plays a 14-week season on Friday evenings beginning May 3. Teams are open to both men and women and play at lower competitive levels in the Shawnee County Parks and Recreation League. Contact Michael Massey at 235-3457 for information.
DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

2012 2011 2010
1st Sunday ....392*......405*...... 384*
2nd Sunday ...365 ........342 ...... 310
3rd Sunday....311 ........293 ...... 332
4th Sunday ...308 ........ .. ....... 184
Xmas Eve......784 ......926 ...... 936
Xmas Day ......64 ........ 89 ...... 44
5th Sunday....270

Total 2,494 ....2,055 ....2,190

*includes Evensong

FOOD SUNDAY

February 3

Bring non-perishable food items to fill the grocery cart in the Cathedral. The food is distributed to Let’s Help and Doorstep.

THE NEXT CHIMES . . .

March issue
Deadline: Feb. 15

TREASURER’S REPORT—December 31, 2012

The following summary reflects the results of the operating fund, income and expense, for Dec. 2012, and for the period from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2012:

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Cash in the bank checking account on Dec. 31, 2012 was $71,514.

— Paul Smith, Treasurer

2 Walter T. Coolidge
   Margaret Lodge
4 Darlene W. Ross
6 F. Warren Hawks
8 Loren N. Maffet
14 Ruth M. Mohler
   Martha Harrison Moser
   Thelma Jeane Grimes
15 Nelle H. Carkhuff
19 Charles C. Harrison
20 Adelaide Hollis White
22 Saraleen Curtis
24 Judith Lynn Waugh
26 Nelle Clough
   Annette T. Goodson Reed
27 Willard A. Monahan
29 Alice Lakin Curtis

February

Flower Memorials

BIRTHDAYS

1 Steve Lipscomb
4 Max Cassidy
6 Steve Burk
7 Jim Bertram
   Ruthellen Saiya
   Jackie Vigola
8 Amanda Weikel
9 Phil Dittmer
12 Dale Gallaway
   Darrell Madison
   Karen Madison
   Barbara Salyer
13 Susie Dederick
14 Adriana Delgado
   Sophia Lyman
   Jack Hoard
15 Marianna Nothern
17 Dennis Nelson
   Nancy Perry
18 Larry Brock
   Jennifer Pacioianu
   David Stiers
   Lisa Wilk
19 Larry Kampschroeder
   Emily Park
   Stan Wilch
   Marilynne Wilcox
21 Elaine Bowen
   David Starr
   Sam Todwong
23 Carol Bertram
   Lynne Dillon
   Dorothy Harrison
24 John Casson
   Kent Dederick
   Amelia Newman
   Kathy Slawson
25 Martha Carithers
   Frank Smith
26 Kathy Hood
   Parker Lesser
27 Helena Howell
Weekly Schedule
Sunday
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion, Rite I
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School (Sept.-May)
10:30 a.m.—Children’s Chapel
10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion, Rite II

Wednesday
12:10 p.m.—Holy Communion

GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY
The Very Reverend Steve Lipscomb, Dean
The Reverend George Pejakovich, Assistant to the Dean
Deacon Donald Chubb

CATHEDRAL STAFF
Kent Wingerson, Cathedral Verger/Finance Manager
Connie Vosburgh, Office Administrator
Steve Burk, Organist/Choirmaster
Sylvia Hamilton, Assistant Organist
Michael Massey, Ministry Coordinator
Kathy Smith, Director of Children’s Ministries
Lisa Wilk, Youth Director
Michael Godfrey, Sexton
John Barber, Security

VESTRY OF GRACE CATHEDRAL
Jeanne Atha, Senior Warden; Pam Alexander, Junior Warden
Paul Smith, Treasurer; Phil Elwood, Chancellor
Pam Alexander, Sam Carkhuff, Erin Stiers,
Jeanne Atha, Mark Ohlemieier, Lynne Overman
Julie Dittmer, Barbara Nuss, Cynthia Sheppeard Langston

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