

Trinity Tidings

From the Rector:

Well, it has NOT been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon. These last six months have been something else. But I am grateful to everyone who has helped with what has had to be the craziest transition of my life. From helping me when I got here in May, to providing a rental in an insanely tight market, to watching Cuthbert, to helping me move last week, to taking a box spring to the dump and old paint to the Eco-center, I have had a TON of help from you all, and I am very grateful.



One regret that I have is not be able to have the kind of beginning with you that I would have liked, but I am not even sure that's still possible in the post-pandemic era. I do hope that we have gotten to know each other. TOTH and her members have become very dear to me. And I hope you feel like you have gotten to know me too. Certainly many of you have gotten to know Cuthbert!

One of the things a new rector does is set a course for the coming months. I think by now you know that I consider myself a moderate, and that I love Anglicanism, even at those times when being an Episcopalian isn't easy. I love the Via Media, and the unique place we have amongst Christian denominations. Like many clergy of my generation and younger, I adhere to the ancient creeds of the church, while being affirming and inclusive. And inclusivity to me is all-encompassing: everyone belongs, and I mean *everyone*.

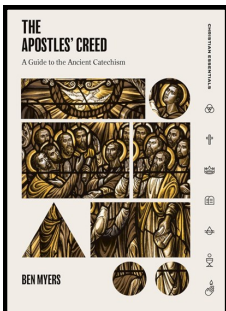
The reason why the ancient creeds are important is that they set a foundation that faithful Christians have followed for millennia. The creeds contain the basic tenants of Christianity, based on Holy Scripture and the teachings of the early, undivided Church. When we talk about steering a middle course, about following the Via Media, this is what we are talking about.

So what does that mean for us? In the coming months, we'll be studying the Apostles' Creed. If we have a firm foundation in the basic teaching of the Church, then that will inform all of our other discussions. You might think of this as Theology 101. As I've mentioned before, at least 2/3 of adult Episcopalians are adult converts. And that means they've come from another tradition. Some of those traditions follow mainstream, millennia-old theology like TEC does (or doesn't sometimes, depending on individual congregations), but some

of them don't. And that's okay: wherever we have been has brought us to where we are today. But studying this together will help us be on the same page.

The book for this study is *The Apostles' Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism* by Ben Myers. It's available on Amazon and for e-readers, but if you have trouble getting it, please let me know.

Not everyone can come to adult formation on Sunday mornings, or the Book and Bible Study on Thursdays at noon. If you have a suggestion for another time that would work for



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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist
(with music)

Wednesday

12:30 pm: Healing Service
St. Athanasius Chapel

~ Come Worship With Us! ~
All are Welcome

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Here I am, staring in awe and wonder at the beautiful, warm, blue and green waters of Fiji that God created, and I feel so gloriously blessed. I am praying that you all are blessed richly with the joys of God's abundant gifts this Thanksgiving day. We have so very much to be thankful for, and I would also pray that every day becomes a day of thanksgiving for each and every one of us. I know we all have our crosses to bear—some more than others; yet it is our choice to focus on the good or the bad, the beauty or the pain. God...or not God.

In Lauren Dagle's song "O Lord," it says

"Your strength is found at the end of my rope
Your grace it reaches to the hurting
Still through the tears and the questioning why
I will stand my ground where hope can be found
I will stand my ground where hope can be found."

To me, this song is so rich with truth, but I love and relate to the idea that His strength is found at the end of my rope. When I'm there, I can cry out and know that He will answer me.

I know that I am forever thankful for my incredible family that surprised Rick and me with this amazing trip. But I am also forever thankful for the wonderful church family that has been excited for and with us as we learned our destination. I am so very thankful for family, in all its various and sundried forms, for this family of God. Thank you all for who you are, right where you are.

I was privileged and so very thankful to watch the video of Mother Mary Ann's installation and the receiving of so many into our wonderful church. Such a great turnout, especially for a Saturday! Look at how much our church has grown and bloomed, just in this past year! God is so very, very good, isn't He?

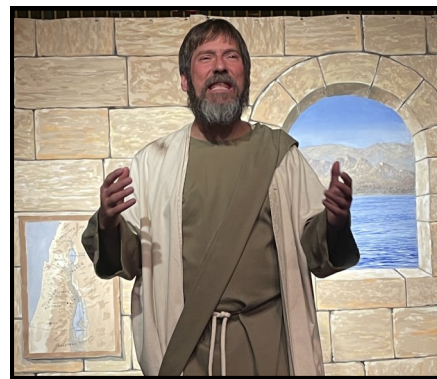
I guess we won't have another *Trinity Tidings* until February, so a most joyous and blessed Christmas to one and all, as well. Remember Susan Sprake's always-fabulous Christmas party on December 16 [see page 14. Ed.], as well as the New Year's Eve potluck at our house, complete with swimming for the kids and families. More to follow. [See page 6. Ed.]

Blessings,
Lisa

John 15:12. This is my commandment that you love one another, that your joy may be full.



**“The Gospel of Mark”, performed by
Jeff Favorite at TOTH,
November 3 and 4.**



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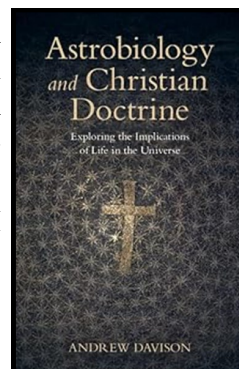
people, please let me know. I'm open to just about anything that works within the parameters of our schedule.

Another possibility to expand our offerings would be to have a non-fiction book group (maybe called *Trinity Reads?*) to discuss books that are theologically relevant to our wider community. A couple of books I'm interested in reading with others are *Astrobiology and Christian Doctrine* by Andrew Davison, and *On the Spectrum: Autism, Faith, and the Gifts of Neurodiversity* by Daniel Bowan Jr.

One of the most unexpected questions I've ever had (that I should have expected) in Inquirer's Class was "How do Episcopalians feel about aliens?" "Curious? Excited?" was my answer. I explained that we're pretty open-minded and science-positive, so the possibility of alien life was something we'd be interested in. It turned out to be the right answer. In 2016-2017, NASA gathered two dozen theologians at the Center for Intellectual Inquiry at Princeton to discover how each of the world's major religions would react to news of life on other planets. My friend Liza Anderson, a theologian, professor, and member of the Executive Counsel of the Episcopal Church, was part of that group. Liza's short answer to the question of how Episcopalians would react was pretty much the same as mine. We are an intellectually curious people.

The author of *Astrobiology and Christian Doctrine*, Andrew Davison, holds PhDs in biochemistry (Oxford) and Theology (Cambridge). He holds the Starbridge position in Theology and Natural Sciences at Cambridge, and is one of the leading theologians in astrobiology, an Anglican priest, and a fellow of the aforementioned Center for Intellectual Inquiry.

So, if any of this interests you, please let me know. If you have other suggestions. I want to hear those as well.



*Los Alamos
Choral Society
Winter Concert*

Mary Badarak, conductor
Cindy Little, accompanist



*SONGS OF THE SEASONS
Winter Holiday*

Sunday, December 10, 2:00 pm
United Church Sanctuary

Songs: selections of Dave Grusin, Daniel Kantor, Tomás da Vittoria,
Jean de Brébeuf, Randall Thompson, Morten Lauridsen, Mary Badarak

Tickets: \$15, children and students free



Monday Morning Counters

TOTH is looking to reshape the Contributions Counter Committee. Counters will meet with Nancy in the office on Monday to record all contributions received during the prior week. These contributions are recorded in Realm, our database system, then deposited. Protocol requires two unrelated people to do this each week. We looking for people who can commit to one Monday a week, for about an **hour** sometime between 9 am and 4 pm. Preferably, the Monday will vary each month.

Many thanks to Rebecca Hunsinger and Karen Humphrey who have already trained and supported this ministry.

If you are interested, please email the office at admin@latoth.org. We particularly hope this will appeal to parishioners who have not found other ways to support TOTH.

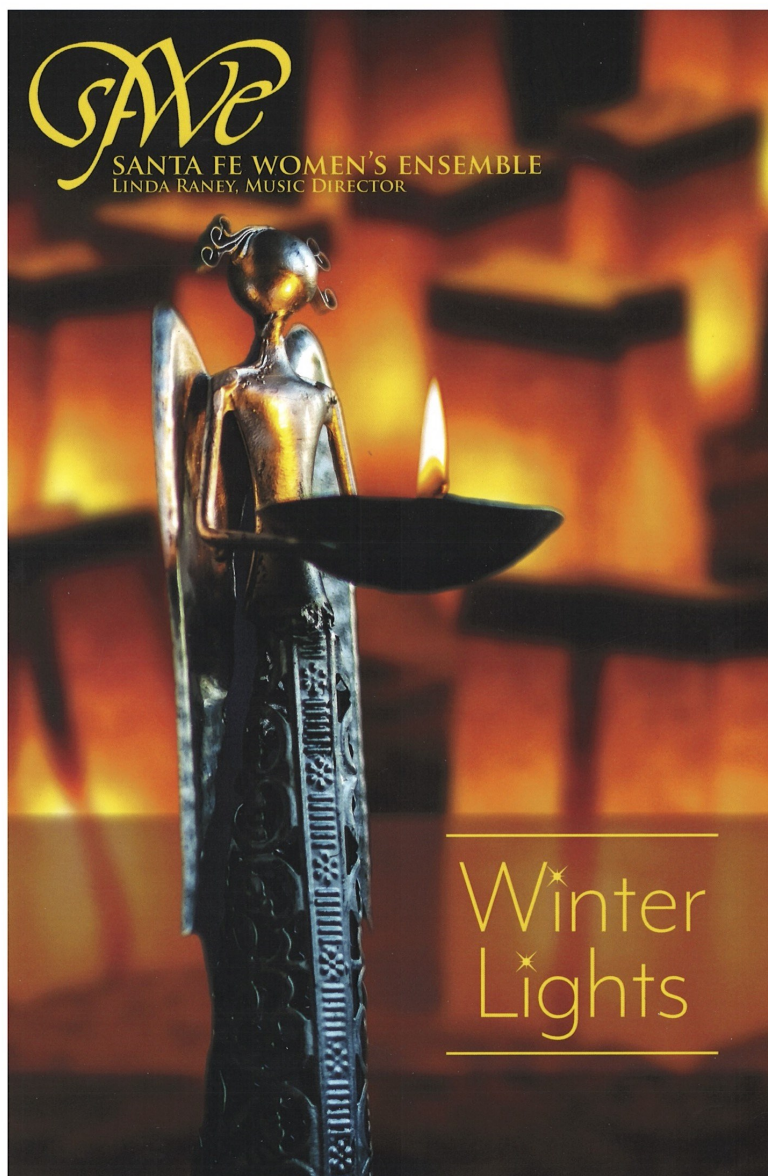


Help us ring in the new year with a potluck party at our place starting at 6 pm New Year's Eve and a Eucharist service at 6:30 (Father Kelly will be presiding)! The indoor pool will be open, and a lifeguard will be on duty. We will provide hot mulled wine and ham for all. Bring something to contribute if you can, but what's most important is to bring YOU and YOUR FAMILY!

Come join the fun, and bring your family and friends! ALL are welcome! **Kids! We need LOTS of kids!**

The Rothrocks
102 Monte Rey Dr. N.
505-660-5564
6 pm until ?





WINTER LIGHTS

Our repertoire includes many exuberant pieces, including new settings of the charming *Huron Carol* and the Spanish carol *Riu, Riu, Chiu*.

The more contemplative pieces include settings of texts by Harold Thurman, *I Will Light Candles This Christmas* and the *Work of Christmas*, and *December Lights*, with text by May Sarton.

From another era, *Gloria in altissimis Deo*, by Chiara Margarita Cozzolani, a Milanese nun (1602–c. 1677), tells the story of the birth of Jesus using the voices of the shepherds and angels.

Not forgetting the candles of Chanukah, *Eight Days of Lights* is a stunning reminder of the joy of the month.

And Ensemble favorite Joan Szymco contributes a rollicking version of *Red and Green* to add a Celtic flair the concert.

**First Presbyterian Church
208 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe**

**Sunday December 10, at 3 p.m.
Tuesday December 12, at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday December 16, at 3 p.m.
Sunday December 17, at 3 p.m.**

General admission \$30 in advance
(\$35 when purchased at the door)
Students/teachers/military/veterans \$12
(in advance or at the door)
Accessible seating available.

For tickets visit SFWE.org



Sunday School News from Zandrea Glenn



In November, Cece Gulsby was baptized! Yay! See photo left.

In Sunday School this month, the younger group learned about the Israelites entering the Promised Land and the wall of Jericho. See photo right.



They also began reading about the Judges and how the Israelites struggled to obey God. See photo left.

We also had another great time combining classes. Mr. Keith told a story about David and the kids made Tzitzit with beads and string. See photo right.



Sunday School meets every Sunday (except during school breaks)

9:15 - 10:15am

Classroom 4 for those in 2nd grade and under

Kelly Hall for those in 3rd grade and up

To volunteer to be a teacher's assistant, please contact the TOTH office: 505-662-5107 to learn more.

2023 TOTH Children's Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar planning committee wants to give a huge Thank You to everyone for your help, support, wisdom, and skill in making this year's Bazaar get off to a great start.

The Bazaar is Saturday, December 2 (it may be over by the time you read this!). Almost 80 people have signed up to volunteer and we expect nearly 200 shoppers the day of the event. We are looking forward to nearly 60 dozen baked goods being dropped off on Friday, December 1, and we are extremely grateful to the TOTH Shop on the Corner and our local community for a room full of donations that have been cleaned and sorted, and will be displayed in Kelly Hall for the shoppers.

Thank you, also to the TOTH admin staff, Nancy and Claire, for printing, reserving rooms, and taking the many phone calls from the community about the Children's Christmas Bazaar. Your time and patience are greatly appreciated.

We are expecting a very wonderful Bazaar and we know we could not have made it without YOU!

Zandrea Glenn

For the record: November 2023

Holy Baptism: Katy and Cece Gulsby; November 5 (photo on page 8)

Confirmation: Ben Foley and Rachel Greenwood; November 18

Reception: Christy O'Brien, Laurie Glascock, and Rob Baran; November 18

Installed as Rector: Mother Mary Ann Hill, November 18



The Gulsby Family



Laurie Glascock



Officially our Rector!



Christy O'Brien

Photos: Rev. Lynn Finnegan and Mother Mary Ann

More photos on next page —>



Rob Baran

More photos from the Bishop's visitation, November 18, 2023.

Photos: Rev. Lynn Finnegan and Canon Mark Childers



Rachel Greenwood



Ben Foley

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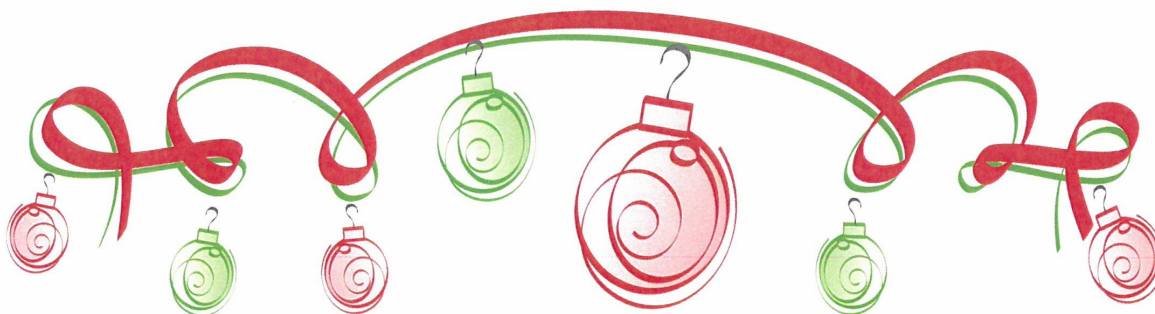
The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of God's love, to fully embrace all God's children, and to respond to the needs of our community and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ

The next regularly scheduled issue will be in February, 2024. Submission deadline: Friday, January 26, 2024.

Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org



SAVE THESE DATES!	
Saturday, December 2	Children's Christmas Bazaar, 9 am
Sunday, December 10	St. Nicholas visits TOTH, 10:30 am
Sunday, December 17 No Compline	Advent Lessons and Carols, 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve No 8 am service No Compline	Advent IV service, 10:30 am Christmas Pageant and Communion, 5:00 pm Carols for the Christ Child and Midnight Mass, 10:00 pm
Monday, December 25 Christmas Day	Holy Eucharist, 10:00 am
Sunday, December 31 No 8 am service No Compline	First Sunday after Christmas, Low Mass with Carols, 10:30 am



Bishop's Ridge
Cordially Invites You to Your

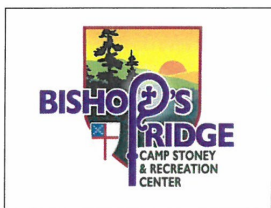
6th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

December 9

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

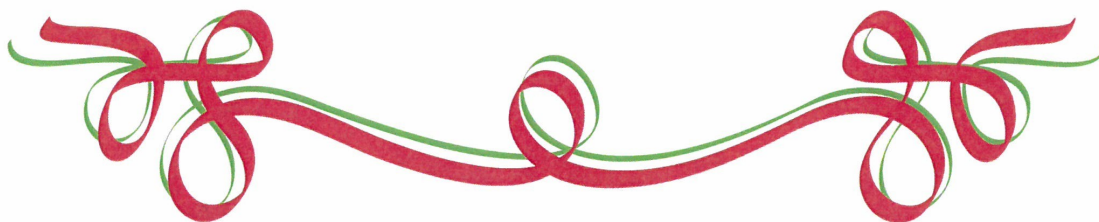
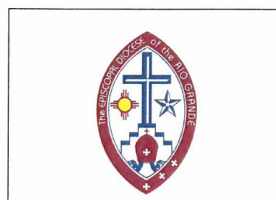
Property will be open to Friends and Visitors beginning at 1:00pm
for hiking and outdoor activities

7855 Old Santa Fe Trail,
Santa Fe, New Mexico



Live Music
Hors d'oeuvres

RSVP to
Christopher at
505-980-5371, cjewell@dioceserg.org





#WeAreTrinity

Sundays:

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am, in person only.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II with music** at 10:30 am, in person and via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth
- **Compline**, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Prayers by candle-light, with plainsong. All welcome! (**No Compline December 17, 24, and 31.**)

Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** at 7:30 am via Zoom (3rd Tuesday); in Sherrill Hall (2nd and 4th Tuesdays). Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday walks around sunrise.

Wednesdays:

- **Service of Healing**, 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person only.

Thursdays:

- **Men's Group**, 7:30 am, Sherrill Hall
- **Book and Bible Study**, 12 noon, Library



Have a blessed Christmas!

DECEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

December 2023

Date	Time	Acolytes	LEM/LR	Prayers of the People, 10:30	Media Team 10:30	Usher 10:30	Altar Guild
Dec. 3	8:00	Luke Favorite	Luke Favorite				Marilyn and Paul Lisowski Andy and Linda Light Cathy Walters Judy Crocker
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server Susan Sprake, Crucifer, Anna and Josh Moore, TB	Susan Sprake, LEM/LR Linda Light, LEM	Claire Singleton	Nancy/Bill	Andy Light	
Dec. 10	8:00	Richard Triplett	Kay Dreamtrader, LR Richard Triplett, LEM				Ellie Giovanielli Kathy and Pete Peterson
	10:30	Ben Foley, Server River Yamada, Crucifer Gregory and Peter Maginot, TBs	Marilyn Lisowski, LEM/LR Isabella Stephens, LEM	M. Lobato	Michelangelo Rachel	D. Giovanielli	
Dec. 17	8:00	Ben Schilling	Ben Schilling				Renee Roybal Valarie Prestwood Karen Humphrey
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server Peter Maginot, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TBs	Renee Roybal, LEM/LR Andy Light, LEM	Lisa Rothrock	Richard/Mark	Rick Rothrock	
Dec. 24 Christ- mas Eve	5 pm		Lisa Rothrock, Luke Favorite, Susan Sprake, Jeff Favorite, Claire Singleton, Lynn Godwin, Josh/Anna Moore, Linda Light, LRs	TBD	Nancy/Bill	Maggie Moore	Marybeth Stephens Jo Moore Sarah Rochester Brad and Rozelle Wright Andy and Linda Light Karen Humphrey Mary and Bill Ogle Cathy Walters
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server Susan Sprake, Crucifer	Lisa Rothrock, LEM/LR Susan Sprake, LEM	Lisa Rothrock	TBD	Rick Rothrock	
	5 pm	Ben Schilling, Server Richard Triplett, Crucifer River Yamada, Cece Gulsby, TBs	Isabella Stephens, LEM/LR Claire Singleton, LEM		Richard/ Rachel	Maggie Moore	
	10:30	Mariah Stephens, Thurifer Isabella Stephens, Server/Bells Luke Favorite, Crucifer Louisa Singleton, Genevieve Triplett, TBs	Susan Sprake, LEM Luke Favorite, LEM Rob Baran, LR	TBD	Bill/Rick	Andy Light	
Dec. 25 Xmas Day	10 am	Richard Triplett, Server	Claire Singleton, LR Richard Triplett, LEM	Claire Singleton			
Dec. 31	10:30	Ben Foley Server Josh Moore, Crucifer Peter and Gregory Maginot, TBs	Lisa Rothrock, LEM/LR Joe Cox, LEM	Nancy Coombs	Robin/Nancy	D. Giovanielli	Karen Humphrey Jo Moore

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