

The Chimes of Trinity Cathedral



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CHRISTMAS DINNER REMINDER

Please join the members of the **St. Mary's Guild**, hosting their **Annual Christmas Dinner** at the **Field Club** of Omaha on **Friday, December 5th** for lovely, enjoyable kickoff for the Christmas season.



An envelope is enclosed for your convenience in donating flowers or greens for adornment of our worship space for our Christmas celebrations. Donations can be given in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones, and these remembrances will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.

YOUTH GROUP BECOME BELL RINGERS

Sat., Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wal-Mart on 72nd St.

Please be at store's front doors at exactly 11, and dress warm! Lunch afterwards; no EYC meeting Dec. 7th.

From Dean Medina

Ministry in South Omaha

Here is a brief outline of some work that has occurred in South Omaha over the last couple of months:

Fr. Ron Witmer and a lay leader from St. Martin's met with the new principal at South High. The purpose of the meeting is to explore possible partnerships between the school and church. The church is right across the street from the school. The principal shared her concerns about the vacuum of support for the 40 girls who are pregnant or already

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From Dean Hurley

Years ago, in a diocese far, far away, Diane and I met a priest who became my best friend in the clergy. He is loud, funny, smart, somewhat irreverent in a faithful way, talented, technologically savvy and a good and loving priest and pastor. During the years when the Episcopal Church was in the interesting process morphing into its present reality, this priest chose to leave this denomination and join one of the "Continuing Churches". He is now a Bishop in that church. It has not been an easy journey. We have stayed friends through it all. Theoretically, I would like to invite him to Trinity Cathedral to preach and celebrate. That however would not be possible. If he were a Lutheran, it would be allowed. If he were a Baptist, Congregationalist, Methodist, Assembly of God or Jewish he would be allowed to preach and it would be seen as a wonderful ecumenical or interfaith expression of unity with those who believe in God. My friend however, would not be allowed. He left, he is too close to us but not one of us, he must be invalid, anathema.

In that same diocese, far, far away, I participated in a clergy exchange on an ecumenical Sunday. I invited the visiting priest who was preaching in our Episcopal parish to receive Communion if he so wished. He thanked me for the invitation and said that maybe sometime it might be possible. The problem however, so he said, was that we thought that we

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Balance Work & Family

The holidays bring opportunities to remember the people in our lives-family, friends and coworkers as well as neighbors and acquaintances. Take time to gather and celebrate, at community activities or here at the Cathedral. Staying connected year round is very healthy. Many studies show that when we have social support, satisfying relationships and community involvement we generally have healthier, longer lives. People who lose or lack social ties have a higher risk for serious depression, mental decline and even early death. You only have so much time, so choose activities that truly give joy and meaning to you and those you care about.

Health Observances--December 1st is World AIDS Day

South High Project

St. Martin of Tours, Trinity Cathedral and South High School are collaborating on a project to help teen mothers at South High. We have met with counselors from the school, the VNA and the two churches to establish a program. In order to help teen mothers meet some immediate needs, we are collecting diapers, baby blankets, hats, coats and mittens. These items can be left in the Clarkson lobby. Contact Deacon Kim at 551-1604 with questions. (See Medina column.)

Seasons of Health Ministry Conference

Sponsored by

National Episcopal Health Ministry

April 16-18, 2009

Trinity Cathedral

Omaha, Nebraska

Keynote Address by
Bp. Mark MacDonald

National Indigenous Bishop – Canada
& Bishop of Navajoland

For more information: www.EpiscopalHealthMinistries.org
Or contact Deacon Kim Roberts at 402-551-1604 or bkerober@msn.com

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son of Amy & Derek Courtney



SUDAN MISSION TRIP:

Yarn, Knitting Needles,
Eye/Reading Glasses



Claudianna Todd and Robin McNutt from All Saints are being asked to bring lots and lots of yarn and knitting needles with them to Maar, Konbeck and Pagook during their December-January trip. The women are learning to knit clothing for their families and to market for income. Additionally, used and/or reading glasses are also being requested, as eye doctors and glasses are not available in these areas. **Donations will be collected in the Clarkson Center and delivered to All Saints no later than Saturday, December 20. Thanks!**



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**JANUARY
CHIMES
DEADLINE**

December 15

Please email articles, congratulations and photos to lwgardels@aol.com

From Dean Medina

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have children. She asked the church for help.

About four weeks later we meet in the basement of St. Martin's with members of the Guidance Department from South High, representatives from Visiting Nurses Association, members from St. Martin's, and members from Trinity Cathedral. St. Martin's represent their own church and the local clergy association – Trinity members represent the Cathedral and the Diocese. We learn at this meeting that the number of girls is now 88 plus, which means that more than 10% of the girls at South High are pregnant or have a child.

There is significant excitement because it becomes clear that the resources of the South High and the Nurses Association will make a good match. It is also clear that there is a big void particularly in the areas of tutorial support and helping the girls look ahead for options in life. The church is well poised to address these areas because of the relationships already established in South Omaha and Omaha in general.

Our next meeting will be in December where specific needs will be articulated by the South High and we can then begin to fill in the gaps. Please see the Health Ministry article for ways you can help.

Tri-Faith Initiative

Please mark your calendars!

**An Interfaith Program on Peace
Friday, March 27, 2009**

Qwest Center

Featuring:

The Most Reverend Katherine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

Dr. Ingrid Mattson
President of the Islamic Society of North America

Rabbi Peter Knobel
President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis

If you are interested in assisting with this conference please contact Dean Medina at ermedina60@cox.net

Stephen Minister Relocating

Anne Zauner, long-time Trinity member and Stephen Minister has moved to New Jersey to be closer to family. On the evening of November 3rd, the Stephen Ministry team enjoyed a farewell dinner with Anne at the Upstream restaurant. Angenette Meaney, Deacon Ellen Ross, Marjorie Matzen, Anne Zauner, and Judy Metz, (photo below, with Laurel Wolfe as photographer) sent Anne on her way with laughs, gifts and many good wishes for her future.



Sowers Fund

We continue to receive positive comments of the presentation made at Annual Council by the Cathedral when presenting our check of \$1587.00. The Cathedral can be proud of offering 25% of the total for this year's Sowers Fund. The \$6,400+ in proceeds will go to the Loki Light Academy in Kenya. Children from neighboring Sudan will have an opportunity to gain an education in professions that will benefit their communities.

Altar Guild Annual Meeting

Almost the entire Cathedral Altar Guild was present on Saturday, November 15th, for the annual meeting. They met in Gardner Hall with their Directress, Virginia Gessert, guiding the members thru the liturgical changes as they have evolved over the past year.



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SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist and Homily.....8:30 a.m.
Choral Holy Eucharist and Sermon.....10:30 a.m.

Nursery available at both services.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist (Nativity Chapel) Tuesdays at 12:10 p.m.

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**Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 14**

The Cathedral Choir will present a traditional service of scripture readings and anthems during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 Eucharist. A Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the EYC follows the service.



**Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24
Holy Eucharist, 5:30 p.m.**

(Prelude music begins at 5:00)

Music for organ and harp by Marty Wheeler Burnett and Kathleen Wychulis



**Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24
Festival Choral Eucharist, 10:30 p.m.**

(Prelude music begins at 10:00)

The Cathedral Choir

The Palladium Brass

Marty Wheeler Burnett, Director of Music

Michael McCabe, organ



Be an Angel!

Once again, we are collecting Christmas gifts for Together, Inc. Please select an angel or star with a gift item from the tree in the Clarkson Foyer or select a gift from one of the following:

- Dolls and accessories
- Books
- Legos
- Blankets
- Small electric appliances
- Kitchen dishes/necessities
- Race cars/ trucks
- Hats, scarves, gloves
- New clothing with tags

Please leave your new, unwrapped donations under the angel tree in the Clarkson Foyer **BY DECEMBER 7th LATEST**. Questions: call Angenette Meaney 393-7973.

The Perfect Cookbook for Gifts!

*“Steve’s Sumptuous Sunday Surprises:
Recipes from Years of Great Coffee Hours
at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral”*

Stop at the Shoppe for this & other gifts!



From Dean Hurley

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were valid and that we believed that the Eucharist, celebrated in an Episcopal liturgy was what they believed in his tradition. He also said that it would be easier for him, personally, to receive in a "protestant church" because they didn't believe that anything really happened anyway.

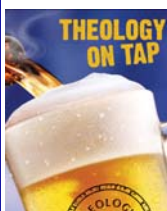
Isn't it sad that those who are closest in the faith are those who cannot share in the sacramental reality of the church? I guess the old song, "You only hurt the one you love" is so true. Those who are close to us are those who take the brunt of our own anxiety, self doubt and fear. We will bend over backwards to be gracious and accommodating to those who are distant but we cast aside and into outer darkness, those who are close. Sometimes it seems that those believers outside the Christian faith are to be given every courtesy and understanding and those who continue to believe in a traditional understanding of the Bible and the Creeds are the subject of ridicule and exclusion.

As we enter the Holiday season, families will be brought together. The family is the closest relationship possible other than our relationship with Christ. In too many families, there is division and misunderstanding. It is easier to be nice to a clerk in a store that you will never visit again than it is sometimes possible to be nice to a relative that drives you nuts. Perhaps we might use this holy time to heal relationships that are close both in our families and in the Body of Christ.

The Very Rev' d Thomas J. Hurley
Dean and Rector

Theology on Tap (ToT)

ToT is a young adult group, ages range from the 20's to the 40's, which gathers monthly at a local tavern to share in food, drink, fellowship and thought provoking conversation.



Next Meeting:
Theology of
Cathedral Architecture-
Sat., January 10, 2009

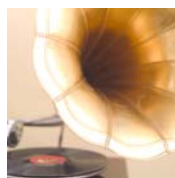
MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Cathedral Choir and clergy will travel to Nebraska City on Sunday, December 21, to present the Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at 4:00 p.m. This is our second year to take our Advent Lessons and Carols "on the road" to share with another parish in the Diocese of Nebraska. If you have friends or family in Nebraska City, please invite them to attend and share in the joyful music of this holy season.



New members are welcome to join the Cathedral Choir as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. Rehearsals meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Marty Wheeler Burnett, Director of Music, for more information at 402-342-7010 extension 117 or mburnett@trinityepiscopal.org.

We welcome Dr. Stacie Lightner as our new Assistant Organist. Stacie accompanies the choir on selected Sundays and assists with service playing. She holds a doctorate in organ performance from McGill University. Stacie is the office manager at Thompson Music and is pursuing a master's degree in library science.



Trinity Treasures

Thank you for your loyal support over the past five years for Trinity Treasures, the primary fundraiser of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Women (TECW). The money generated from our participation in the annual St. Andrew's Antique Show and Sale support our outreach and mission endeavors, which have included:

- § Health Ministry
- § Altar Guild
- § Historical Society
- § Habitat for Humanity
- § Voices for Children

We have been able to double our space for the 2009 sale on April 17—18. We now have the entire room. Consequently, we must double our effort and inventory. In addition to our requests for antiques, collectibles, linens, vintage jewelry, etc., we will now be able to accommodate and sell smaller pieces of furniture.

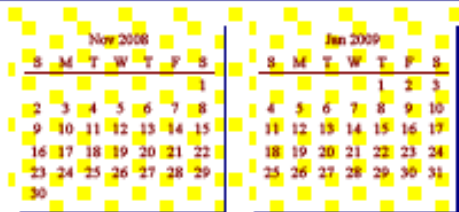
Even though the sale is in April, we would be happy to receive your donations **now**. Please call Gail Krenzer at 397-4508.

December 2008

Trinity Cathedral

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
 9:30 A.M. Adult Forum
 9:30 A.M. Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 A.M. Gody Play
 9:30 A.M. Jr./Sr. High
 9:30 A.M. Lectorary Group
 10:30 A.M. Choral Eucharist
 11:30 A.M. EYC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12:10 PM Noon Prayers St. Andrew	2 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:10 PM Eucharist Channing Moore Williams	3 12:10 PM Noon Prayers 5:00 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bible Study	4 12:10 PM Noon Prayers John of Damascus	5 12:10 PM Noon Prayers 6:00 PM St. Mary's Christmas Dinner Clement of Alexandria Rehearsal	6 Nicholas Wedding
7 The Second Sunday in Advent No EYC	8 12:10 PM Noon Prayers	9 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:10 PM Eucharist Advent FERIA	10 12:10 PM Noon Prayers 5:00 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Advent FERIA	11 12:10 PM Noon Prayers Advent FERIA	12 10:00 AM Pacific Springs 12:10 PM Noon Prayers	13
14 11:30 AM EYC Spaghetti Dinner Lessons & Carols The Third Sunday of Advent	15 12:10 PM Noon Prayers 4:00 PM Executive Committee 4:30 PM Chapter Advent FERIA	16 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:10 PM Eucharist Advent FERIA	17 10:30 AM Men's Meeting 12:10 PM Noon Prayers 5:00 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Advent FERIA	18 12:10 PM Noon Prayers Advent FERIA	19 12:10 PM Noon Prayers Advent FERIA	20 10:00 AM Order of St. Luke Advent FERIA
21 11:30 AM EYC Christmas Party 2:30 PM Choir Rehearsal @ St. Mary's in Hill City 4:30 PM Lessons & Carols @ St. Mary's No Stephen Supervisor The Fourth Sunday of Advent	22 12:10 PM Noon Prayers St. Thomas	23 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:10 PM Eucharist Advent FERIA	24 12:10 PM Noon Prayers 5:00 PM Prayers 5:30 PM Prayers 5:30 PM Choral Eucharist 10:00 PM Prayers 10:30 PM Choral Eucharist Vigil of the Nativity	25 11:00 AM Eucharist The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day Office Closed	26 12:10 PM Noon Prayers Saint Stephen	27 Saint John
28 No Choir No EYC The First Sunday after Christmas The Holy Innocents	29 12:10 PM Noon Prayers Of the Octave	30 12:10 PM Noon Prayers Of the Octave Office Closed	31 12:10 PM Noon Prayers No Choir Of the Octave			

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