

SAINT STEPHENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SSEC EPISTLE Lent to Easter 2015

**Special services and events
during
March and April**

**March 4th, "Meatless Meal"
and activity, 6 pm**

**March 11th, "Meatless Meal"
and activity, 6 pm**

**March 18th, "Meatless Meal"
and BCP activity, 6 pm**

**March 25th, Meatless Meal"
and activity, 6 pm**

**March 29th, Palm Sunday—
ONE SERVICE ONLY—10:30 am
followed by Egg-travaganza**

**March 31st, Tuesday
Confessions, 6-7:30 pm**

**April 1st, Tenebrae:
Intergenerational Service
6 pm**

**April 2nd-Maundy Thursday,
6 pm**

**April 3rd, Good Friday, Liturgy
at Noon; Stations of the Cross,
6 pm**

**April 4th, Saturday Vigil,
7:15 pm**

**April 5th, EASTER SERVICES
8:30 am and 10:30 am
9:30 am Catered Brunch,
Easter Egg and Treasure Hunt
following 10:30 am service.**



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KONNECTON**

Dear People of God,

At the recent Pastoral Care Committee meeting, we discussed the pastoral changes that occur in every church, sudden illness or death, planned and unplanned retirements, voluntary and involuntary moves, and so forth. A church which plans for these events (as much as we are able) will remain strong through a phenomenon that most members dislike: *change*. If we know our mission and ministry and have our house in order we can lead positively through these life events.

The Pastoral Care Committee consists of Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the coordinator of the Sunday school, the assistant to the Youth Group and the chair of The Daughters of the King (DOK); who also serves with the Altar Guild that does flower delivery to the ill and infirm. The Committee utilize a Pastoral Care Handbook, Safe Church Training and meet to share information and support.

We discussed the use of Friendly Visitors that may bring flowers, and the creation of short bios of people who are visited to share a written and oral history. We are rotating Lay

Eucharistic Visitors (LEV's) to a variety of folk that request visits. We discussed Safe Church boundary issues and that we need to call ahead to arrange our visits. We are checking with the Diocesan office on policies and the use of communion services by LEV's. A new generic calling card is being created to be used by all visitors that represent the church of St. Stephen's with a space to write the name of the visitor.

At our Southwest Convocation meeting that St. Stephen's hosted on February 21st, we were asked to create a statement that represented us and at our table we wrote ..."We at St. Stephen's provide safe, caring, spiritual space for our members, those that meet in our building and the surrounding community in East Wichita as part of the Southwest Convocation." That surrounding community includes our shut-ins, ill and infirm and some who are frail elders.

Please pray for us as we provide the pastoral care and live out the mission of this congregation.

Peace be with you,
Rev. Mary



Message From

Karen Norton, Senior Warden

Over a year ago we had the fortune of hiring Reverend Mary to be our priest-in-charge. But what is a priest-in-charge? Essentially, it is a two-year appointment designed to “test” the fit of the priest to the parish and the parish to the priest.

We have certainly had an opportunity to see Rev. Mary in many different ways. From numerous funerals to hospital calls to instructive Eucharist's to holiday celebrations to administrative duties, she has been front and center. Her dream for St. Stephen's is to have a strong community that is bonded together no matter who the priest is. As she says, “Priests come and go, but the community stays.” She wants to continue to strengthen our vibrant community.

So what is next? Despite a very busy Lenten and Easter schedule, we have much to accomplish.

First, Reverend Mary has continued to work with the Vestry to ensure that every member is active and engaged in the community of the church. We are reinforcing committees and responsibilities, hoping to relieve Rev. Mary and Vera of some of the details and responsibilities of various activities. Stay tuned for more information about this.

Second, the Vestry (and perhaps one or two other vestries from our area) will be participating in an Appreciative Inquiry session led by a priest from Nebraska. Although described in several ways, one of the most accurate descriptions I have seen of this leadership style is from T. H. White, who says, “Appreciative Inquiry focuses us on the positive aspects of our lives and leverages them to correct the negative.” Over the past fifteen years, churches have recognized that the best way to improve and change is to emphasize the positive aspects of a parish, the vestry and its leaders, in anticipation that the positives will strengthen and overshadow any negatives. Those of us who have been leaders in organizations such as churches and schools, where emotional energy is as important as production, recognize that the traditional corporate model does not exactly fit their style. The Appreciative Inquiry model, which deemphasizes finding problems and instead emphasizes what we do well, leads to better outcomes. A few years ago, several of us were involved in an Appreciative Inquiry Session, and I have to say that I was very encouraged by it. I am very excited that our Vestry will be participating, in hopes that eventually our whole parish can be involved.

Third, sometime in the spring we will be meeting with David Seifert from the Diocesan office in Topeka to participate in an evaluation and assessment of the parish. This is the next step in the process of calling a priest.

In the meantime, Reverend Mary will be working with various groups about the Ideal Parish. On February 25th, she worked with the Youth Group, and she is planning to talk to many others. The results will eventually be shared with the vestry and parish in our attempt to be the most vibrant Episcopal Church in the diocese. I can't wait to hear what our youth had to say, as I understand their feedback was quite creative!

Vestry Liaisons and Minutes



A new master list of St. Stephen's Vestry Liaisons for the congregation and the surrounding community has been updated with the new vestry members. The area and the vestry member who acts as the liaison with contact information is posted on the Bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The work of the liaison is to keep in contact with the chair(s) of committees, bring committees information on occasion from the vestry and keep the vestry informed of ways they can support committee work. They are *not the* chair of the committee. The approved Vestry minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please keep your vestry in prayer. Peace, Rev. Mary

Managing Staff: 7 Things To Consider

By Jeremy Sierra, part of the Vestry Papers issue on [Real Basics for Vestries](#) (January 2012)

Churches are often full of secrets. Nothing sinister, just quirks you wouldn't notice unless you spent a lot of time sitting at the receptionist's desk or in the parish administrators' office. Things like remembering to give the gate a thud to get it to shut on rainy days or that an old man comes by to ask for money every few days. Or, perhaps it is the carefully passed on advice from the previous administrator sharing how to get the choir director to choose the music in time to print the Sunday leaflet.

Vestries are usually very familiar with what goes on in the community, but may not be as familiar with the challenges parish administrators face every day as they work to keep the church running smoothly. I've been on the administrative staff of a couple of Episcopal churches, and have some recommendations related to how a vestry can support their parish administrator:

1) Share what's going on in the church. While this sounds basic, just as in other aspects of our lives, we don't always remember to share information with everyone who needs to know. To do his or her job well, the administrator should know about every event scheduled at the church, from the vestry meetings and choir rehearsals, to when the handyman is stopping by or flowers are going to be delivered. As a fellow church administrator said to me, "The parish administrator is a traffic cop to prevent potential collisions."

Forgetting to tell the administrator about a meeting or delivery isn't just frustrating to the administrator. We've all heard stories where a group is expecting to use a space only to find that another activity has been scheduled for the same space at the same time. Who wouldn't be frustrated to find out at the last minute that someone is scheduled to clean the sanctuary at the same time as the choir rehearsal? These mix-ups are easily prevented by having a central point – often the parish administrator – for handling all scheduling.

2) Help the parish administrator feel connected to the spiritual side of the church. Often, the administrative staff does not attend the church where they work; to do so can confuse work and worship (for example, when parishioners want to discuss typos in the service bulletin during coffee hour). If this is the case in your faith community, it may be helpful to offer the administrator an orientation –and periodic updates – related to the vision of the church and how his or her role relates to that vision. Making an effort to introduce the administrator to church leaders who may not visit during business hours is another way to build connections between the administrative staff and members of the worshipping community.

3) Establish clear reporting relationships. In the course of his/her role, the parish administrator often has a variety of individuals making requests, and sometimes demands. Ultimately, the rector is the parish administrator's boss. With requests coming from vestry, staff, the rector, and others in the worship community, too many people (or even two people) acting as the supervisor will make it difficult for the administrator to function. The rector and administrator should establish priorities and use

them to guide choices and establish boundaries when requests and demands threaten to interfere with the expected workflow.

4) Build time for dealing with interruptions into the workday. The parish administrator is constantly being interrupted. Every day is filled with ringing phones, conversations with visitors, pleas for help from homeless men and women, and last minute requests. While these interruptions are part of the job and to be expected, they also have an effect on the administrator's ability to get things done. If the vestry members are aware of this, they can take this into account when they make requests for reports to be copied or phone calls to be made, as well as understand why last minute requests can't always be accommodated.

5) Support the parish administrator when they need to say 'no.' The most effective administrators work on a schedule: pay the bills on Monday, print the bulletins on Thursday, etc. Recognizing and understanding that in order to keep up with their schedule, the administrator sometimes has to say "no," or, at least, "Can this wait?" can help keep the church office running smoothly. When making requests, the vestry should try to respect the administrator's schedule, just as the administrator respects the vestry's schedule. Of course, some things may end up being last minute, but whenever possible giving the administrator plenty of time to prepare for mailings, special bulletins, and other large tasks that come up throughout the year, keeps everyone happier.

6) Provide up-to-date equipment in the office. The quality of office equipment makes a big difference in how efficiently the office runs. A copier that is constantly jamming can make an otherwise easy task grueling, and a slow computer can make creating the service leaflet maddening. Updating equipment and software may not seem like a high priority, especially if budgets are tight, but it is worth the expense. Invest a little extra in software and equipment, and your administrator will love you, and will be much less tempted to throw his or her computer out the window.

7) Offer comprehensive job descriptions for all administrative positions. This means having a clear and realistic job description. If half of the job is "other tasks as assigned" it can quickly become unwieldy and difficult to prioritize. Another church administrator suggested to me an excellent exercise: occasionally comparing the original job description with what the administrator is actually doing. This way, everyone is aware of the scope and number of tasks the job actually entails. The administrator's job may change over time, of course, but everyone should be aware and up front about the change. This also means communicating honestly and clearly when things are not going well for any reason. It's tempting to always be nice, especially in a church, but avoiding difficult conversations usually just ends up allowing frustration and confusion to build up.

Your parish administrator may have things to add. Communication is at the heart of the job of parish administration, so give the parish administrator a chance to talk to you about the job and, in turn, tell him or her about the church and why you are a part of it. When the vestry communicates often and clearly with the parish administrator, he or she can keep everyone informed, help the church run smoothly, and do the important work of building the kingdom of God.

ANNUAL MEETING FORMAT

Annual Meeting format for the past two years has been new for St. Stephen's. The meeting follows the service in the Church. The intention is to enact what we believe, that in the Eucharist all our life and labors are offered to God. When we begin with the liturgy of the Word, we create a context for our work together, so that our outreach, our election of officers, our budget, etc. flow from our understanding of God's call to us, as the faithful of every generation. All these things done in God's name, are holy. All are responses to God's Word in scripture and tradition, including our business, flows out of all the symbols gathered up at the offering. Everything we do is gathered up and offered at the altar, where by God's grace, it is transformed and offered back as a gift, from that most sacred and intimate meal of the Holy Communion, we receive strength for the journey to come. God is calling to us, and part of our response is the work we do together at our Annual Meeting. We join to do the work of the people. That's the meaning of liturgy.

Peace be with you, Rev. Mary



To everyone who donated to the Music Program during the Shrove Show, over \$800 was donated!!!! Also a big thank you to everyone who made Shrove Show and the Pancake Supper a SUCCESS!



March 22nd, Sunday All

Parish Clean-Up: Parish Clean-up following the 10:30 am service. We will need *volunteers* to assist with cleaning of the brass/silver in the kitchen, windows in Parish Hall, library in the Chapel hallway, clean up the grounds, etc.

The Adult Forum Schedule from We hope you join us for these presentations, Sunday's at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room.

March 8	What Does God Want for Me?
March 15	<u>No Class</u> – spring break
March 22	What Does God Want for Me?
March 29	What Does God Want for Me?
April 5	<u>No Class</u>—Easter
April 12	To Be Announced
April 19	To Be Announced
April 26	To Be Announced



Are you being called?



Lector Training



Saturday, March 28th, 12:30—2:00 pm.

Come for pizza and stay for questions, practice and training for sacramental ministries. Please contact the office if you plan to attend. THIS IS FOR ALL AGES, anyone who can read, hold the cross and if you are 16 years old you can volunteer to be a chalice bearer. WE WILL TRAIN YOU!
(Following the Worship Committee Meeting.)



“Meatless Meal” and Activity at 6 pm

March 4th hosted by the Choir and Ushers
March 11th hosted by the Daughters of the King
March 18th hosted by our Vestry (BCP)
March 25th hosted by our Youth Group



General Format: Starting at 6 pm each Wednesday with gathering prayer, “Meatless Meals” followed by an activity, concluding with a night prayer.

Nursery Provided.

Come on Palm Sunday and Stay after the 10:30 am service

to join in the family fun of



Egg-travaganza

Making and Decorating



Easter Eggs of all kinds, this is fun for all ages and abilities!!!!

We also need folks to stay and help that Poor Old Easter Bunny stuff plastic eggs full of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.



What to Bring: Eggs to decorate, clothes to craft in, a snack to share.

Want to Help call Teresa Rogers 461-7213.



**Easter
Sunday
Brunch
at 9:30 am.**

This will be a catered meal with a suggested “good will offering” of \$10.00 per person.



**The Easter Bunny
needs help!**

Please bring “wrapped” or prepackaged candy to be stuffed in the plastic Easter eggs (we don’t need the plastic eggs this year!). There will be a red tub in the Parish Hall for you to drop off your candy or drop it by the Parish Office. PLEASE, no nuts or peanut butter due to allergies! THANK YOU.

St. Stephen's Calendar January and February 2015

Sun-March 1	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 AM	Choir Practice
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum, What does God want for me?
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights
Mon-March 2	6:00 PM	EFM
Tues-March 3	6:00 PM	Campus Ministry
Wed-March 4	6:00PM	"Meatless Meal" and activity hosted by the Choir and Ushers.
	6:30-8 :00 PM	Youth Group -Youth Room
	6:30 PM	Prayer Group
Thurs-March 5	Noon	Book Club
Sat-March 7	9:30-10:30 AM	Altar Guild Meeting
Sun-March 8	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 AM	Choir Practice
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum, What does God want for me?
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	2:00 PM	Larksfield Place Service
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights
Mon-March 9	6:00 PM	EFM
Tues-March 10	6:00 PM	Campus Ministry
Wed-March 11	1:00 PM	Eastside Cancer Group
	6:00 PM	"Meatless Meal" and activity hosted by the Daughters of the King
	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Group -Youth Room
	6:30 PM	Prayer Group
Thurs- March 12	Noon	Book Club
Sun-March 15	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 AM	Choir Practice
	9:30 AM	No Adult Forum
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
		<i>DOK Meeting after service</i>
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights
Mon-March 16	6:00 PM	EFM
Wed-March 18		"Meatless Meal" and activity hosted by the Vestry
	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Group -Youth Room
	6:30 PM	Prayer Group

Thurs-March 19	Noon	Book Club
Fri-March 20	6-9 PM	VESTRY RETREAT
Sat-March 21	9 AM-4 PM	VESTRY RETREAT
Sun-March 22	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 AM	Choir Practice
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum, What does God want for me?
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	After service	<i>ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP</i>
	2:00 PM	Larksfield Place Service
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights
Mon-March 23	6:00 PM	EFM
Tues-March 24	6:00 PM	Campus Ministry
Wed-March 25	6:00 PM	"Meatless Meal" and activity hosted by the Youth Group.
	6:30 PM	Prayer Group
Thurs-March 26	Noon	Book Club
Sat-March 28	11 AM- 12:30	Worship Committee
	12:30 PM- 2:00 PM	Acolyte, Lectors, LEV and Chalice Bearer Training
Sun-March 29	9:00 AM	Choir Practice
	9:30 AM	<u>NO</u> Adult Forum
	10:15 AM	<u>NO</u> Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	<i>PALM SUNDAY (ONE SERVICE ONLY)</i>
	11:30 PM	<i>Easter Egg-travaganza Easter Bunny Assist</i>
Mon-March 30	6:00 PM	EFM
Tues-March 31	6-7:30 PM	Confession (by appt.)
Wed-April 1	6:00 PM	Tenebrae Intergenerational Service led by the Youth Group
Thurs-April 2	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Agape Meal followed by Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar
Fri-April 3	Noon	Good Friday Liturgy
	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross 7

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Sat-April 4	7:15 PM	Saturday Easter Vigil and Breaking the Fast Party!	Mon-April 20	6:00 PM	EFM
			Tues-April 21	6:00 PM	Campus Ministry
Sun—April 5	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Wed-April 22	6:30–8:00 PM	Youth Group -Youth Room
	9:00 AM	Choir Practice		6:30 PM	Prayer Group
	9:30 AM	EASTER CATERED BRUNCH	Thurs-April 23	Noon	Book Club
	10:15 AM	NO Children's Sunday School			
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Sun-April 26	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	11:30	Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Youth Treasure Hunt		9:00 AM	Choir Practice
	5:30 PM	NO Sunday Night Lights Service		9:30 AM	Adult Forum
Mon-April 6	6:00 PM	EFM		10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
Tues-April 7	6:00 PM	Campus Ministry		10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Wed-April 8	6:30–8:00 PM	Youth Group -Youth Room		2:00 PM	Larksfeld Place Service
	6:30 PM	Prayer Group		5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights
Thurs-April 9	Noon	Book Club	Mon-April 27	6:00 PM	EFM
			Tues-April 28	6:00 PM	Campus Ministry
Sun-April 12	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel	Wed-April 29	6:00–7:30 PM	Inquirers Classes
	9:00 AM	Choir Practice		6:30–8:00 PM	Youth Group -Youth Room
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum		6:30 PM	Prayer Group
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School	Thurs-April 30	Noon	Book Club
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II DOK New Member Celebration			
	2:00 PM	Larksfeld Place Service			
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights			
Mon-April 13	6:00 PM	EFM			
Tues-April 14	6:00 PM	Campus Ministry			
Wed-April 15	1:00 PM	Eastside Cancer Group			
	6:00 PM	Vestry Meeting			
	6:30–8:00 PM	Youth Group -Youth Room			
	6:30 PM	Prayer Group			
Thurs-April 16	Noon	Book Club			
Sun-April 19	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I			
	9:00 AM	Choir Practice			
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum			
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School			
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II			
		DOK after the service			
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights			

See Rev. Mary or the Parish Hall bulletin board for the information. Our own John Olsen will



be going this year with Diane Kruger. We will begin fund raising opportunities after Easter.



HEAD'S UP—

St. Stephen's is hosting the "Appreciative Inquiry" on March 20th and 21st for the Southwest Convocation. We will be needing volunteers for food preparation and set up on Friday, March 20th, 6–9 pm where we would like to serve a light dinner. Saturday, March 21st, 9 am–4 pm, a continental breakfast, light lunch and an afternoon snack. We anticipate between 36-40 to attend. If you would like to assist in our hosting of this event, please contact Vera in the Parish Office (634-2513).



Tickets available at a savings for the last "Broadway in Wichita" performance of the 2014/2015 season!

"Chicago", Tuesday, March 31st, 7:30 pm,

The Theatre League has reserved twenty (20) seats for St. Stephen's

Cost is \$63.50 per ticket

Tickets can be purchased within the 20 seat reserved block by calling 800.776.7469 ext.

3846 Monday—Friday, 8:30 am—5:30 pm. Tickets must be purchased four (4) weeks prior to the show to get the above listed group price. Tickets can be purchased directly and will be held at "Will Call". For tickets to be mailed there is additional \$1.00 per ticket fee. You can also purchase through Vera in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Parish Office, or email craig.aikman@theaterleague.org



LARKSFIELD PLACE
Holy Eucharist Service
in the Meditation Chapel

2:00 pm

March 8th and 22nd - April 12th and 26th



DILLONS COMMUNITY
REWARDS PROGRAM

There is still time to enroll your Dillon's Plus Shopper's Card in the new Dillon's Community Rewards Program. You can register on line at dillons.com, go to the upper right hand corner and click on "register" and follow the prompts. We are listed as "ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH" or our assigned number 88504. John Rothwell will be available at the coffee hour after the 10:30 am service to assist you or FEEL FREE to contact Vera in the Parish Office to assist you in registering. Can even be done by phone. Registering gives St. Stephen's credit for all dollars spent on groceries, the more we enroll the more funds that can be donated back to us!

DON'T FORGET THE LITTLE RED WAGON—OUTREACH FOR ESS

Items needed, include pull top cans of chicken, soups and vegetables; packaged fruits; peanut butter; pasta and sauce; baby food; packaged crackers (in sleeves); deodorant (male and female); diapers and feminine hygiene items. Drop in the little red wagon in the foyer and DOK will deliver!



Thank you.

March and April Celebrations

Celebrations March Birthdays

- 3/6 Robert Goree
- 3/9 Eric Kramer
Jude Rothwell
- 3/10 Jorinda Brant
Jo Ann Estes
- 3/11 Joe Moddrell
- 3/12 Susie Hill
- 3/14 Dagny Winters
- 3/16 Carol McEwen
- 3/17 Adam Korte
Ron Myers

- 3/18 Pierce Rothwell
- 3/19 David Olson
- 3/24 Dan Taylor
Susan Taylor
- 3/25 Mike Mann
- 3/29 Earlene Foote
Chris Rogers
- 3/31 Barbara Fizer
Kathy White

March Anniversaries

- 3/18 Leland Sinclair & Kirsten Johnson
- 3/19 Lyndy & Marty Wells
- 3/29 Eric & Audrey Kramer
- 3/31 Bill & Jo Ann Estes

April Birthdays

- 4/6 Dale Graham
- 4/7 Ashley Winters
- 4/10 Paul Attwater
- 4/11 Max Bleck
- 4/15 Laveta Abboud
Deanna Klenda
- 4/24 Marty Wells
- 4/25 Cory Whitetree
- 4/26 John Olson

April Anniversaries

- 4/11 Frank & Mary Lynn Priest
- 4/18 Max & Gloria Bleck

Youth Ministry

Diocesan Youth Mission Trip to Honduras in June of 2016!!!!

HONDURAS



Building Mission Ministry



The Youth of the Diocese of Kansas are Honduras bound in 2016! The high school youth of St. Stephen's are joining the Diocesan youth program's mission trip to Honduras in June of 2016. Karen Schlabach, Diocesan Youth Missioner, will be guiding the trip. We will be putting together a group from Wichita parishes, especially from St. Stephen's, to be a part

of this opportunity to serve God.

We will be working with the Lamb Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. We will be helping at the Children's Home, School and Daycare, along with helping to build or clean up things. We will have more details to share as we learn more ourselves.

We will need the support of our church community to raise the money to go. It will cost approximately \$2,000 per person. We will be doing Parish and Community fund raising. Our first fund raiser will be a **Mother's Day Brunch** in May. It should be fun for all. A delicious way to tell your Mother how grateful you are for

her love by supporting those going to help children that don't have a mother.

Please plan now to bring your Mother or Grandmother to St. Stephen's for a lovely and delicious **Mother's Day Brunch** after the 10:30 am Service on **Sunday, May 10th**.

If you are interested in being a part of this Mission Trip, please contact Teresa Rogers, 461-7213.

Youth Tide!!

Diocesan Youth Event

When: April 17-19, 2015 (2 nights!)

Where: Grace Cathedral, Topeka

Who: Youth currently in grades 6-12

Fee: \$50

(fee increases by \$15 after April 2)

Priority deadline: April 2, 2015

Registration forms: [Adults and youth register online](#)

Youth Tide has come out of an earlier event called ADVENTure which was an overnight event where we learned all about Advent. We are now taking on the whole Liturgical Year on a weekend at Grace Cathedral in Topeka. It will be fun; you will learn something; you get to hang with your friends; and eat great food.

Don't Miss It!!!





March 29th, Palm Sunday: 10:30 am will begin outside (weather permitting)—**One Service Only**, followed by family fun for all ages , “Egg-travaganza” and helping the Easter Bunny fill the plastic Easter eggs.

March 31st, Tuesday Confession: 6 :00 -7:30 pm in the chapel. Sign up by email or “X” the time slot on the bulletin board (no name required)

April 1st, Wednesday, Tenebrae: *An Intergenerational Service led by our Youth Group*, Service 6 pm in the Sanctuary of the church.

April 2nd, Maundy Thursday, 6 pm, Agape Meal followed by Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

April 3rd, Good Friday: Liturgy at Noon; Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm

April 4th, Saturday Easter Vigil: 7:15 pm, Gathering; Lighting of the New Fire; First Eucharist of Easter and Breaking of the Fast of Lent Celebration

April 5th, EASTER SERVICES: 8:30 am—*Holy Eucharist Rite I*
9:30 am—*Catered Easter Brunch*
10:30 am—*Holy Eucharist Rite II*
Following the 10:30 am service

Children’s Egg Hunt and Youth Treasure Hunt
(No 5:30 pm Sunday Night Lights Service.)



**SAINT
STEPHEN’S**



WICHITA

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Episcopal Church

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Liz Steele, Children’s Sunday School
Aubrey Watson, Organist
Ashley Winter, Choir and Music Director