



# the Epistle

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## FROM THE RECTOR

What does Halloween have in common with Thanksgiving? They actually both remind me of zombies (I'd better explain...). I've mentioned before that I love to watch horror movies, especially during October. And one of my guilty pleasures is a good zombie movie. (I know--coupling "good" and "zombie" may seem like an oxymoron to some of you.)

The premise of the zombie sub-genre of horror movies is that somehow the dead come back to life and begin wreaking havoc on the living. Zombies are animated—they move around, but they are still dead. And in most zombie movies, they are driven by an overwhelming need to consume—in this case brains of the living.

My favorite zombie movie is *Dawn of the Dead* (the 1978 original, though I also like the 2004 re-make). The major portion of the movie is set in a shopping mall, with a small group of survivors of a zombie apocalypse barricading themselves inside the mall. At one level, it's a pretty cushy place to be—the survivors have almost unlimited access to an enormous supply of the consumer goods being sold in the mall. The only drawback—outside the mall's locked doors are hordes of zombies waiting to consume them.

Horror stories (and later movies) often reflect the greatest fears of their particular culture. In the late 20th and early 21st America, zombies are popular because they tap into a dark side of our culture. What could be worse than shambling through life in a state where you're not really alive, but not quite dead either? What could be worse than being driven by an insatiable need to consume, while at the same time never being able to enjoy life?

Hordes of zombies waiting outside a shopping mall reminds me of the lines outside of stores every Black Friday (there's the Thanksgiving connection). Most Black Friday sales are without major incident—but every year there are those horrifying reports of people getting trampled or fights breaking out as people are trying to score limited deals.

Do we own our things or do our things own us? Do we enjoy the things of this world to make our quality of life better? Or are we simply, mindlessly driven to consume more and more just for the sake of consumption itself? Stumbling through life driven merely by a desire to consume and accumulate is ultimately as empty of meaning as the existence of the average movie zombie.

Instead, God calls us to live lives of love—loving him, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. That is the true path to finding meaning and purpose. Have a fun Halloween and a truly thankful Thanksgiving.

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+ Serving our Neighbors in Jesus' Name +

**St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church, Inc. & Trust**

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

As of and for the Eight months ending September 30, 2017

	Actual September 2017	Actual 9 Months	Budgeted 9 Months	Budgeted Yearly
Receipts	\$27,714	\$271,428	\$276,600	\$368,800
Personnel	12,708	128,806	126,248	168,331
Facility operations	5,548	35,865	39,075	52,100
Administration	3,167	27,865	28,350	37,800
Missions, outreach, & charity	4,551	42,946	45,566	60,755
Music Program	4,589	34,925	36,000	48,000
Other Disbursements	367	1,731	1,125	1,500
Disbursements	30,930	270,139	276,365	368,486
Net Change in unrestricted	(3,216)	1,289	236	314
Unrestricted, undesignated cash:	30,747	Building Funds	\$47,651	
		Loomis Knight Memorial Lecture	\$10,417	

There were unpaid bills at September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$3,558.64 which are not reflected above.



Christmas Thanksgiving/Memorials

Amount Given: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettias \$15.00 each. Please turn in your order by Monday, December 18th.

**St. Paul's**

Worship Schedule and  
Weekly Parish Activities

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist no music  
10:30 am Choral Holy Eucharist  
2:30 pm Carillon Service  
(1st and 3rd Sunday of each Month)

Tuesday

1:00—4:00 pm  
St. John's St. Paul's Food  
Voucher Ministry

Movie-

Please join us on  
Wednesday,  
November 15th at  
2:00 p.m.

for *Planes, Trains  
and Automobiles*

Popcorn, Drinks  
and Movie

November Birthdays

- Emily Hill (1)
- Walter Graham (1)
- D'Anne Asquith (1)**
- Pat Jordan (2)
- Mary Ann Chumley (4)
- Doug Kopp (6)
- Anne-Marie Haeussler (6)
- Tom Whiteside (12)
- Joy Perry (12)
- Cullen Quinn (17)
- James Owen (19)
- Amanda Casey (20)
- Dyke Ellison (20)
- Ruth Carlock (21)
- Gwen Gage (22)
- Mackey Kopp (24)
- Eddy Grigsby (26)
- Nealy Holley (29)

November Anniversaries

- Sid & Chinn Friend (8)
- Jim & Renee Haney (17)
- Ron & Barbara Murphy-  
Lubowicz (20)
- Duane & Pat Jordan (26)

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## EPISCOPAL 101—NEWCOMERS/ADULT CONFIRMATION

Fr. Jim will teach a three hour class entitled EPISCOPAL 101 on two different dates (you only need to pick one!): Saturday, October 28, 9:30 am—12:30 pm OR Sunday, November 12, 1:30—4:30 pm

EPISCOPAL 101 is an introduction to St. Paul's and the Episcopal Church. It is also the preparation course for those adults who might want to make a public commitment or reaffirmation of faith when the Bishop comes on January 21, 2018 (i.e. a confirmation or inquirer's class). The class is ideal for all newcomers, new members, old members wanting a refresher course, and anyone with questions about where we come from and why we do the things we do.

Please RSVP to the church office at [806.762.2893](tel:806.762.2893) or to [kathi@stpaulslubbock.org](mailto:kathi@stpaulslubbock.org). And if you can't make either of these sessions but are interested in confirmation, please let Fr. Jim know at your earliest convenience.

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## 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

Observed at both the 8:00 and 10:30 services on October 29

We will be celebrating "Holy Communion" according to *The "Boke" of Common Prayer* of 1552, the most theologically Protestant prayer book in our lineage, to mark the beginning of the Reformation on October 31, 1517.



### ECW Fall Luncheon—David Cho

St. Paul's ECW is delighted to welcome Maestro David Cho from the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra as our guest speaker. All are invited to join us.

Wednesday, November 8th at 12:00 p.m. at the Lubbock Women's Club

Cost for lunch is \$15.00 per person

Please RSVP to Renee at [806-445-3667](tel:806-445-3667) or [nwtxyouth@suddenlink.net](mailto:nwtxyouth@suddenlink.net) by Friday, November 3rd.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 5—SUBMIT NAMES

On All Saints Sunday we will be remembering the names of all the faithful departed during both the 8:00 and 10:30 services. Please submit to the church office, [kathi@stpaulslubbock.org](mailto:kathi@stpaulslubbock.org) the names of those you would like to have remembered for All Saints by Monday, October 30. Or call them in to [806.762.2893](tel:806.762.2893).

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ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN TO HOST SECOND  
UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING FOR 2017



The ECW of St. Paul’s on-the-Plains Episcopal Church will host the second UTO ingathering on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and you are invited to join us as we give thanks with our many blessings with our coins. The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. When you participate in UTO, you discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. UTO is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the monies to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. Please join the Executive Board of the Episcopal Church Women of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in participating in this long tradition of giving. Pick up your blue box in the Narthex of the church or in Washington Parish Hall and fill it with coins and bills that represent your thanks and prayers. The ECW will collect these boxes on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and renew the tradition of St. Paul’s participating in this 125-year-old Episcopal tradition along with the many other churches in our Diocese and the nation. For more information, contact any board member of the ECW (Renee Haney, Judi Keller Caroline Kopp, Pam Morgan, Joy Perry, Lynn Rodgers, Kim Sanford, Linda Walter).



Ladies Lunch Bunch  
Thursday, November 9th at 11:30 a.m.  
Apple Tree Cafe and Bakery

[3501 50th St](#)  
[Lubbock, TX 79413](#)

Ladies Night Out  
Tuesday, November 28th at  
6:00 p.m. 114 W Loop 289  
Cantina Laredo  
114 W Loop 289  
Lubbock, TX 79416  
Please RSVP to Renee  
at [nwtxyouth@suddenlink.net](mailto:nwtxyouth@suddenlink.net)  
or the church office for LNO by  
Monday, October 23rd.

## Leaves on 17th Street

CW Harriger

I leave the parking lot of St. Paul's and turn left. In a short distance I turn right onto Avenue X and in half a block I reach 17th Street. Lovely old homes from the 30's and 40's. Style and substance of a bygone era. However, the charm for me is the canopy of seasonal change provided by the trees. However the charm for me is the canopy of seasonal change provided by the trees. Winter is the blank canvas of limbs and twigs. A certain stark reality that has yet to offer a promise of life. And then one day I see a hint of green. More felt than seen but still a promise of change. Tiny engines in paper thin buds performing something called photosynthesis. I'm sure we have people at St. Paul's who could explain this process in detail. I will leave it up to you to ask them. I prefer to just watch. Day after day leaves form, layer upon layer until the sun is blocked, somewhat, and my drive is a shaded tunnel for that one block. Summer goes on and I enjoy that shadowy block until one day change shows her face in the form of tiny bits of color. Red, yellow and orange with subtle variations of each. Before long the color coats the street like an impressionist painting. Matisse or Van Gogh could have painted it but Cyrano described it best. "What color, perfect venetian red. Look at them fall. Yes, they know how to die. A little way from the branch to the earth, a little fear of mingling with the common dust and yet they go gracefully. A fall that seems like flying." There is a sadness in all of this. I think again of Cyrano's description, they know how to die and the fall is like flying. I am not comforted much by this. Something more is needed. And then I leave St. Paul's one day, turn left and then right and drive the half block to 17th Street. The leaves are now brittle dry and scattered everywhere. As I start my block long drive a strong gust of wind raises up behind me and suddenly the leaves are airborne flying down the street away from me in a crazy dance of leaping and turning, up and down bouncing off each other. If you have never seen leaves dancing in the whirlwind off each other. If you have never seen leaves dancing in the whirlwind you have missed one of life's great joys. They seem to be saying "we not only know how to fall with grace, we also know how to dance of stage." Now I am comforted.

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**Epistle Deadline**  
Monday, November 20  
**Epistle Workday**  
**Mailing Date**  
Wednesday, November 29  
at 10:00 am

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ADVANCE PLANNING—DECEMBER 24

This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. This is the "worst case scenario" for services, since Sunday morning is the 4th Sunday of Advent, and Sunday evening is Christmas Eve. (We've been lucky—because of leap years it hasn't fallen this way since 2006, though it will happen again in 2023).

So we will have ONE Sunday morning service observing the 4th Sunday of Advent:9+8

10:30 a.m.—4Advent, no music

And then we will have our regular Christmas Eve services:  
4:30 p.m.—Children's Service  
6:30 p.m.—Early Christmas Eve "Vigil" Service  
10:30 p.m.—Late Christmas Eve "Midnight" Service

# November 2017

Pentecost

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 St. Benedict's Volunteer Team (Brown's Team)	4
5 22nd Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 26 All Saints' Sunday 8:00 am HE Rite I 10:30 am HE Rite II Baptism Service 2:30 pm Carillon Service	6 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	7 1:00 pm Food Voucher Program @ St. John's	8 12:00 pm Women's Luncheon	9	10 School of Ministry	11 9:00 School of Ministry
12 23rd Sunday after Pentecost/ Proper 27 Discretionary Sunday 8:00 am HE Rite I 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am HE Rite II 2:30 pm Carillon Service	13	14 11:00 Helping Hands Luncheon 1:00 pm Food Voucher Program @ St. John's 6:30 pm Vestry Mtg.	15 2:00 pm Movie Day	16	17 Youth Retreat	18 Youth Retreat
19 24th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 28 8:00 am HE Rite I 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am HE Rite II 2:30 pm Carillon Service 5:00 pm Thanksgiving Parish Potluck	20 Epistle Deadline	21 1:00 pm Food Voucher Program @ St. John's	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24	25
26 21st Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 25 8:00 am HE I 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am HE II	27 6:00 Girl Scouts	28 1:00 pm Food Voucher Program @ St. John's	29 10:00 Epistle Workday	30		

# Liturgical Calendar November 2017

	<u>Nov. 5</u> 22nd Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 26	<u>Nov. 12</u> 23rd Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 27	<u>Nov. 19</u> 24th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 28	<u>Nov. 26</u> The Last Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 29
VIC 8:00 am 10:30 am	Bart Howard Lane Thomas	Abby Quinn Richard Morgan	Sheila Morgan Richard Morgan	Lane Thomas
Counter 8:00 am 10:30 am	Richard Morgan Sonja Nash	Sheila Morgan Sonja Nash	Abby Quinn Bart Howard	Sally Brown
Altar Guild Team	Susan LaFont's Team	Susan LaFont's Team	Sonja Nash's Team	Sonja Nash's Team
Eucharistic Ministers 8:00 am				
E charistic Ministers 10:30 am				
Eucharistic Visitor	Kathleen McCutchan (8:00)	Tom Whiteside (8:00)	James McNabb (8:00)	Kathy Vail (10:30)
Lectors 8:00 am				
10:30 am				
Acolytes 10:30 am				
Flower Guild	Becky Parker	Linda Jones	Becky Ellison Barbara Murphy-Lubowicz	Carol Nebb Monika Solobowski
Ushers 8:00 am	George Gray Don Wink	Bill Casey James McNabb	Scott Lockwood George Sanford	Bruce Whittlesey Ike Graves
10:30 am	Cpt. Dyke Ellison Todd Johnston Ben Johnston Cary Harriger	Cpt. Stephen Keen Dib Gay Cole Johnson	Cpt. Glenn Davis James Leatherwood Henry Villegas	Glen Ashcraft Sid Friend Paul Marshall