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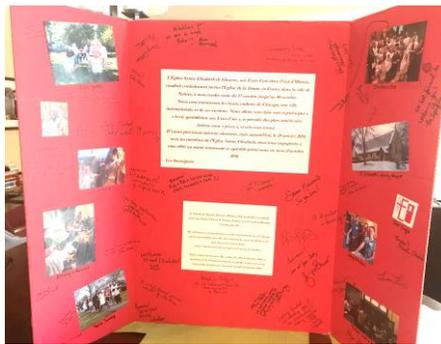
From the Rector's Desk

Dear St. Elisabeth's,

In 2012-2013, my daughters and I joined my husband Jason on his research sabbatical in Nantes, France. While we were there, we attended church at the *Paroisse de la Trinité de l'Éraudière (Trinity Parish) in our neighborhood (Éraudière). Since Roman Catholicism is pretty much the only choice in France, we did as the French and hung out as Catholics for the year. We had a beloved neighbor named Anne Calard in our condo building. Anne not only helped us navigate the public middle and high schools, decipher strange tax documents, and figure out the mysteries of our building, she also helped us feel welcome at church.

Over the course of the year, as we got to know others at Trinité, Anne started hatching the idea that our two churches could do an exchange at some point when we got back to Glencoe. Sometimes people say things like that – a nice dream but not probably ever going to happen. Except...this one is going to happen.

Anne got their priest Jean-Yves LeCamp involved in the idea. And then another lay leader who is a retired English teacher named Yves Quentin jumped on board. I started getting emails in September from all of them, inquiring if it might be possible in the next year for them to come. When I asked the vestry their thoughts about hosting them, the whole vestry enthusiastically agreed that by all means we should say yes.



St. Elisabeth's signed this giant invitation to Paroisse Trinite at the Annual Meeting in January.

At the Annual Meeting a few weeks ago, vestry members Hall Healy and Susan Newcomb announced to the congregation that 12 people from Paroisse de la Trinité will be arriving at O'Hare on October 17 and staying until October 29, 2018. Their group's main objectives are intercultural

exchange and exposure to religion in America. It won't be just a vacation for them. They

will be staying in our homes and sharing their culture with us. We will be helping them organize not only a few touristic things, but also visits to our neighborhood synagogues, the Bahai Temple, Sacred Heart, Willow Creek, a black Baptist church, etc. as they delve into American religious diversity that is completely unfamiliar to them.

To my delight, both our friend Anne and the priest Jean-Yves will both be on the visit!

St. Elisabeth's will need teachers, host homes, French speakers of all ability levels, meal planners, guides on various outings, and many other volunteers to help Hall and Susan welcome this courageous group of French retirees, most of whom have never been to the US before. God bless us at St. Elisabeth's as we continue to live into our goal of intercultural understanding for the sake of God's love.

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The Warden's Corner



When I was growing up and Lent was approaching, the Catholic kids at my school began asking each other including their Protestant friends “What are you giving

up for Lent?” Our Protestant church did not observe Lent in this way so we wondered what they were up to. Besides the things they intended to give up did not seem all that onerous, instead of chocolate, they chose Milky Way or instead of chewing gum, they chose Juicy Fruit. None of this seemed much like giving up anything.

After becoming an Episcopalian, I learned more about the Lenten season. The idea behind giving up something for Lent is based on Luke 9:23 “Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

Lent is the 40 days before Easter and adults long ago spent the time in preparation for baptism and to become Christians. Today we know Lent as a season of conversion, acknowledging the ways we have turned away from God in our lives. Using prayer, fasting and charity we try to turn our hearts and minds back to God. ‘Giving up’ might be thought of as fasting.

Many people make a Lenten promise to add something to their lives during this season. This can be done with or in place of giving something up – and is another great way to worship as a family during the season. Maybe it’s reading the Bible daily with your children, doing a Lenten devotional, or choosing to do something within the community as a family for the poor, ill or elderly.

Here are a few other ideas for change during Lent. Use the list below to find a way to become closer to God and more mindful of Him.

1. Stop worrying, gossiping or complaining
2. Spend less going out to eat, shopping or buying things you don’t need

3. Give up wine/alcohol, coffee, snacking, chocolate, or your smart phone
4. Donate clothes you don’t wear often or the money you spend on Starbucks; Volunteer your Saturday afternoons; Stop driving over the speed limit or talking on your cell phone while driving; Faithfully attend church
5. Say three nice things to your spouse and kids daily

A devotion last week entitled ‘Creation, Change, Holiness’ in Evelyn Underhill’s book “Lent” which I am reading for my Lenten practice explained the whole concept this way.

“Nor, as a rule, does our human nature feel very comfortable under the transforming action of God: steadily turning one kind of love into another kind of love, desire into charity, clutch unto generosity, Eros into Agape. Creation is change, and, change is often painful and mysterious to us. Spiritual creation means a series of changes, which at last produce, Holiness, God’s aim for men.”

Even though we are some days into Lent, it’s not too late to change something in our lives. The idea is to look for ways to make more room in your life for God to enter.

Prayerfully, Glenna

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Be on the lookout for organizational meetings after Easter – and start thinking about how you might like to be useful. The Paroisse de la Trinité is insistent that in 2019, a group of us will go to visit *them*.

A Holy Lent to you -

Daphnet

*pronounced Par-woss duh lah Tree-nee-tay duh Lair-odee-air

Welcome New Vestry



Newly elected Vestry members, Kara Superfine and Henry Reukauf began their work on Vestry this February. Both parents of young children, they appreciate the opportunity for playing deeper roles at St. Elisabeth's.

After Kara, her husband Joel, and their son Carter moved from Chicago to Highland Park, Kara began looking for a church home, visiting 10 protestant churches in the area. "At St. Elisabeth's, I felt welcomed and comfortable", she said. "The more traditional service at St. Elisabeth's was similar to the Lutheran service," she explained "I was raised in the Lutheran church, went to the Sunday school and, in the summers, attended church camp.

Kara met Joel in college when he was playing hockey at the University of Illinois in Champaign and they have been together ever since. When Carter was born five years ago, they decided to raise Carter in the Christian faith. Wanting Carter to be familiar with his father's religion as well, they celebrate the Jewish high holy days with Joel's family.

A wedding planner, Kara runs her business—Kara Superfine Events—from home. Joel is a senior project manager for M & R Electronics Systems. It's a busy household with Carter and Illie, a beagle rescue, to keep everyone on their toes.

Kara explained that she hopes to get to know the parish better and to further the congregation's goals. She appreciates St. E's welcoming spirit and its openness to diversity.



Henry, his wife Kathleen Marrin, and their daughter Heidi, began

coming to St. Elisabeth's in September, 2016, shortly after their move to Glencoe from New York City. The family felt at home at St. Elisabeth's, Henry explained. The values his New York parish expressed were similar to those the people at St. Elisabeth's embrace: Tolerance, respect and acceptance.

"We knew very little about Glencoe or the North Shore when we came here," Henry said. "There is so much to like here: the hometown feel, the schools (Heidi is a first grader at South School), and, of course, the beach." In their free time during the summer, Henry and Kathleen enjoy sailing their catamaran. In the winter, they have season passes to Wilmot, where Heidi is learning to ski.

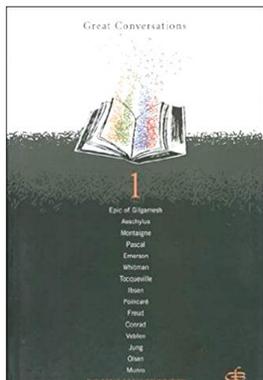
The family's move the Chicago area was job related. Both Henry and Kathleen work in the city and commute daily on the 5:58 am train. Henry is a fixed income financial analyst for Neuberger Berman. Kathleen works across the street for US Trust, so the couple gets to meet for lunch once or twice a week.

Raised Episcopalian, Henry was a parishioner at St. Luke Episcopal Church in Manhattan and, as a child, was a student at St. Luke's day school. Growing up, he served as an acolyte and sang in the children's choir. While there, he attended chapel every morning and received communion every Thursday.

Henry explained that he understands the importance of raising children in the Christian faith and hopes to figure out ways to attract more families with young children to St. Elisabeth's. Heidi, now 6, attends Sunday School here and looks forward to seeing Miss Leslie every Sunday.

--Joyce Newcomb

St. E's Book Group



St. E's Book Group will discuss Alice Munro's short story, "Boys and Girls" at 10:30 AM March 20 in the parish living room. "Boys and Girls" was included in Munro's first published collection of short stories, **Dance of the Happy Shades** in 1968. The collection won Canada's Governor General's Literary Award, the first of three that Munro has received. Recognized as one of the greatest contemporary writers of fiction, Munro won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2013.

Raised in a small Canadian town, Munro often uses her experiences there as material for her writing. "Boys and Girls," is no exception. Set on a fox farm in rural Ontario, Munro examines gender roles and their effect on one's identity. The short story can be found on page 507 of **Great Conversations I**, the first in a series of anthologies published by the Great Books Foundation and the current volume chosen for discussion by St. E's book group. A loaner copy is available in the office.

You are invited to join the conversation. The selections each month are chosen for people who care about discussing a book as much as they enjoy the solitary pleasure of reading. The group meets at 10:30 AM on the third Tuesday of the month. Contact Joyce Newcomb at 847-234-6532 or JoyceRnewcomb@gmail.com for further information.

Selections through May are:

Mar. 20: *Boys and Girls* by Alice Munro

April 17 and May 15: *Seize the Day* by Saul Bellow. This book needs to be borrowed from the public library or purchased.

--Joyce Newcomb

Sunday Forums in March

At 11:25 AM each Sunday morning at Coffee Hour, grab a treat and a coffee, and come to the Living Room for various learning topics. In January:

- **March 4 and 18:** Lying, Stealing, and Swearing: Christians and Everyday Sins. Continuing from our series on lying and stealing, we will now examine what swearing encompasses: does it mean swearing an oath, saying curse words (which words?) or taking God's name in vain? What does "in vain" mean anyway? We'll peek in the Bible for clues about this "everyday" sin.
- **March 11:** All-Parish Eyes on Worship Sunday (*see the reverse side of the Ministers Schedule*)
- **March 25:** Palm/Passion Sunday - no forum

Scout Sunday, February 4



Some of Boy Scout Troop 28 gather around a boy scout cake at coffee hour with Daphne Cody. Will Thornton (center, dark shirt) gave the Scout Sunday address during the 10:00 AM service.

Nancy Baughman, February 18



St. Elisabeth's honored Nancy Baughman for her retirement from many years on the Altar Guild. During Coffee hour, at which she was presented with this cake, many parishioners offered tributes to Nancy's leadership as a past warden, and for Family Promise, Soup Kitchen, vestry, Buildings & Grounds, and many other roles over the year. During her speech, Nancy called St. Elisabeth's "a very special place, and worth your efforts."

Thank you, all Family Promise hosts.



Chuck Chadd mans the Hobart at Family Promise.

Thanks to all our volunteers who participated in Family Promise last month. St. Elisabeth's volunteers were: Anne Healy, Vicki Handwerk, Hall Healy, Daphne Cody, Robert Fischer, Alexa Andrews, Kalina Sawyer, the entire Arnell/Lucas family, and Susan Chadd. Our guests Shaunta and her three daughters received loving care from the St. Elisabeth's and the St. Augustine's volunteers.

We have not yet been scheduled for our next hosting week, but my guess is that it will be in May or June. I encourage everyone to be a part of this important mission.

--Chuck Chadd

Soup Kitchen

Please mark your calendars with Soup Kitchen dates for the remainder of 2018, March 8, May 10, July 12, Sept 13, Nov 8





Holy Week and Easter at St. Elisabeth's

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 25	8:00 AM	Eucharist in the Chapel
	10:00 AM	Eucharist & Palm Procession Reading of Mark's Passion

Maundy Thursday

March 29	6:30 PM	Agape Supper in the Guild Room <i>(dress is casual)</i> Following Supper is the stripping of the Altar in the Church
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Good Friday

March 30	7:30 PM	Good Friday Observance in the Church
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Holy Saturday

March 31	9:00 to 10:00 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Chapel
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The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day

April 1	8:00 AM	Eucharist in the Chapel
	10:00 AM	Festive Eucharist in the Church <i>Refreshments and Easter Egg Hunt follow the 10:00 AM Service</i>

Pastoral Notes

Our Sympathies to
Adrienne Zimmerman upon the
death of her mother
Joan Horner on January 31.

Our Congratulations to
Newly engaged Dillon Shipman and Cody Cook
who are planning a wedding for Fall, 2019.

Spring Plant Sale at St. E's

For the past two years, we have conducted a spring plant sale to support the Church of St. Elisabeth. Please take a packet found in your pew and try to sell as many items as you can. Each packet contains an instruction sheet, two brochures and a price list for each brochure. To maximize our sales please check with your friends, neighbors and relatives to see if they are interested in purchasing any plants.



The plants are the same quality as those sold at local nurseries but are sold to us at a discounted price. Please feel free to contact Sherry Schellenbach if you have any questions at 847-835-0634 or sheys0634@yahoo.com.

Orders are due no later than Sunday, April 30, 2018

Plants will be available for pick up on the South Avenue side of the church on Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM or 5:00 to 7:00 PM. If you need to make other arrangements, please let me know.

In order to make the sale a success, we need your help.

--Sherry Schellenbach

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Easter Flowers & Music

I would like to contribute to:

\$ _____ EASTER FLOWERS &/or \$ _____ MUSIC FUND

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Honor of: _____

No specific intention

Please Note: Please print legibly. Easter is on April 1, 2018. To ensure you are listed in the bulletin, return this form with your donation check to the church office no later than **Friday, March 18.**

Please write "Easter Flowers & Music" in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

Saint Elisabeth's Calendar

Regular Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
 9:45 AM Nursery care available
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
 11:00 AM Coffee Hour
 11:20 AM Education Time

Mondays

7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 28
 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesdays

7:30-8:30 AM Glencoe Roast Office Hour
 8:30-9:30 AM Lectionary Study at Glencoe Roast

Special Events

Thursday, March 8

Soup Kitchen

Friday, March 14

7:15 PM Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, March 20

10:30 AM St. E's Book Group

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 30 Good Friday

Sunday, April 1 Easter Day

Friday & Saturday, April 6 & 7

Vestry Retreat (rescheduled)

Friday, May 11 Dillon Shipman's Graduation

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