

The Flame

October 2024

<u>Our Mission</u> is to be a welcoming place where people meet Christ and grow in their relationship with God through our worship, service, and fellowship.

Terri Storm's Ordination

What a glorious night. The church was nearly full as we celebrated the ordination of Terri Storm to the Sacred Order of Deacons. While this has been a long journey for Terri and her family, it has been filled with blessing upon blessing, and to have her family here to support her was one of the greatest blessings of all. Special thanks go out to the Altar Guild who prepared our worship space so beautifully, to Marcia, Sharon, and Kristi who provided the wonderful food for the reception, Leslie for the beautiful flowers, and all the volunteers who help make the night so special, especially our youth whose presence and help were a blessing in and of themselves. Praise the Lord!!!











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Fr. Tom's Tidbits

Beginning this month, we are inviting those who call CHS their church home, to prayerfully consider offering a pledge for 2025 in support of our shared mission and ministry. While the last several years have been financially stable for us, next year looks to be more challenging. With my retirement, and the yet unknown fiscal commitments there will be bringing in a new rector, the Vestry and I have been very conservative in our budget process. Still, the big unknown is the cost of clergy health care.

As we have tightened things up over the years, there is not a lot of wiggle room when it comes to operational spending, leaving us very few areas where we can reduce spending without some real discomfort. Thankfully, we have been diligent in our savings, and with the help of the parish, we should be able to make this transition in a fiscally smooth way.

What can we as a parish do to help? If you currently pledge, we are asking for a 5% increase in your current pledge. I know that is a lot to ask in today's economy. On average, this would be a \$14 per month increase in giving. If you do not currently pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. Not sure how much to give. Why not start with \$14/mth, or any other amount, greater or smaller, that you feel comfortable in giving.

Some might ask, do I have to make a pledge. The answer is no, nobody has to pledge. Offering what one can, when one can, is okay, no matter how big or small that offering may be. However, a pledge does help us plan more effectively to meet our fiscal obligations. To make a pledge, you can stop by the Spirit Hub and pick up a pledge card or visit our website www.chsepiscopal.org and click on the Make a Pledge link in the upper right corner.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those around us. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge for the coming year.

Father Tom

Annual Pledge Drive

October begins our annual pledge drive. As noted in Fr Tom's Tidbits, we face a challenge next year we have not had to work through since he joined us. That challenge, the costs of bringing on a new priest in addition to our regular fiscal obligations. Working together, our Vestry is confident that we will meet this challenge and continue to make a difference; here inside the four walls of our building, and more importantly in the lives of those around us.

If you currently pledge in support of the work we do, thank you. We are blessed by your generosity. If you do not currently pledge, we pray you will consider doing so in the coming year. We recognize that not everyone has the financial ability to make drastic increases in their pledge, or to commit funds from limited resources. Having said this, our Vestry prayerfully asks that each of us consider a 5% increase in our current pledge or in making a pledge of whatever amount we believe we can.



Deacons Corner

Dear People of CHS,

I don't know that I will ever have the words to completely tell you how I feel about you. I know it is unique that I was a military child who moved around a lot in childhood, but was able to have my major life events all happen at the same place, i.e., my baptism, confirmation, wedding and ordination. We all know that the building is not the church. It may be the location in which all of these events happened (and many more memories were created), but the church is really the people. Whether I have known you for 5 days, 5 years or my entire life,



you are the church with which I was baptized, confirmed, married and ordained. For your love, prayers and presence in my life I am and will be forever grateful. First I am grateful to God for bringing me to this place and for being among all of us. Second I am grateful that you, the church, chose to support me. As I said on the night of my ordination, my favorite way to see God's love is in how people love each other. I felt that night, and still feel today, very loved. Thank you, CHS, for showing me God's love.

God Bless you, CHS,

Deacon Terri

Rector Search Update

You, the congregation, have probably received the DRAFT Holy Spirit Profile for your review. Early in October the Search Committee is sending the completed paperwork to Cannon Liz for formal finish formatting. The format will change to make it a beautiful document and then the Diocese will send it back to us for posting on our Holy Spirit web page. At that time the Diocese will post the opening for a new rector on the National site and the waiting begins. We are not sure how long the advertisement period will be, however, during this period the Search Committee will have a training session with Cannon Liz on preparing questions and how to interview potential

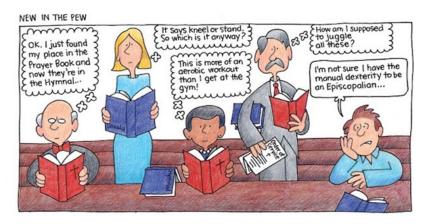


candidates. The Diocese will receive the applications of interested candidates, screen the list and present the Search Committee potential candidate information to review. This is called the Searching portion of the process. It is expected to be accomplished during the October to January time frame.

There is a lot of work to accomplish during this busy time of the year, so pray for this committee. Strengthen us for the journey ahead. Guide us as we look honestly at our church, our own role in it's history, and our possible role in its future. We are listening. Help us to hear your voice. Where do you want us to grow? What do you want us to learn? In the name of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Thank you

Bill French



Outreach

Mobile Pantry



September's Mobile Pantry was another great success. We thank all our parish volunteers, our scouting volunteers, and our neighborhood volunteers who made our guests feel welcome and provided them with the grocery assistance they needed. As always, leftover product is then taken to the



Bellevue Food Pantry where it meets even more needs of the community. Rain, Sun, or Snow (yes it will be here before we know it), it is a blessing to serve those in need.

Moving Veterans Forward

Our annual ingathering for Moving Vets forward (MVF) will take place between 29 Sep-6 Oct. MVF is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization in Sarpy County that provides furniture and household items free of charge to homeless veterans placed in housing by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs throughout the metro area.

Funds donated will be used to purchase as many of the items listed below as possible. Items they are running short on this year include: men's socks, women's ankle socks, laundry baskets, laundry pods, toilet bowl cleaner and toilet bowl brushes with holders. They have added a special request for new small countertop microwaves and Bibles. To make a cash donation, please use a special interest envelope found in the Narthex, or not MVF in the memo line of your check.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Our annual ingathering for Thanksgiving Baskets will take place beginning Sunday 20 Oct and run through



Sunday 3 Nov. This year we are not asking for food items, only donations. Our goal is to again provide 30 baskets to the Bellevue Food Pantry. Last year, our cost per basket was \$40 (which included a \$20 gift card to purchase a protein). During the week of 4 Nov, we will tally the funds donated and purchase items to fill as many baskets as we have funds for. Please note Thanksgiving Basket in the memo line of your check or the memo line of our special offering envelopes.

Trunk or Treat

It is that time of year again. Last year's Trunk or Treat enjoyed the largest community turnout ever, with over 200 youth joining us for trunk or treat and games in the parish hall. With our community numbers increasing every year, and what a blessing that is, we need to begin planning early. A couple of sign-up sheets are located at the Spirit Hub. One signup sheet is for those who will park their cars and handout candy in the parking lot, and the other is for volunteers to help us with the indoor games. Please sign up early and let us know how you can help with this year's event on Sunday (27 Oct) between 3-5pm.



Youth Car Seats

St. Martha's is looking for car seats as part of their parish support and community outreach. Refuge families they are working with lack the resources needed to provide for the safety of their youth. If you have a car seat (whether infant or 3-6 year olds) that is no longer needed, and you would like to donate it, please drop it by the church office.



Youth Activities

Urban Air



While Urban Air was a last-minute activity, after learning that Shady Lanes owners had retired, it really did turn out to be a really great adventure. Besides

a variety of different types of trampolines, there were a multitude of other things to do, such as rock wall climbing, bumper cars, virtual reality, and a high-altitude ropes course. Watching our youth work their way



through each course's challenge was fun for the parents as well. While we will miss horseback riding, Urban Air is a wonderful substitute and is going on our youth calendar for next year.

Bellevue Berry Farm

This year's family outing to the Berry Farm is only a week away. On Sunday (6 Oct) our youth, their family, and friends, are meeting at the Bellevue Berry Farm beginning at 6:00pm for a campfire (beginning at 6:30pm) and a

haunted hayride through the Ranch of Terror (after it gets dark). The cost for CHS youth 3-18 is \$10, for family and friends who pre-register, the cost is \$15. Pre-registration ends Sunday morning (6 Oct). Fr Tom will meet those who pre-registered at the gate beginning at 6:00pm where they will receive their wristband. For all others, the cost at the gate is \$20. Those paying at the gate can get \$1 off the entry price if you bring a can good for their food drive.



Acolytes Training



Attention youth 10 years old and older. Dcn Ted will be offering an Acolyte training event on Sunday (3 Nov) immediately following the 9:30 service. All current acolytes, and anyone who wishes to learn more about this ministry are invited to attend. For more information, about this event, or how you can be part of this invaluable ministry, please contact Dcn. Ted.

Sunday School

This Fall our Sunday School classes are focusing on stories from the Old Testament. They are using the Jessie Tree as a basic guideline. Each week we cover a different story in chronological order. To help our students remember, and because it's fun, we make a Jessie Tree ornament each week. Over the next few years, we will be able to cover most of the Old Testament in the fall.

We will be teaching the New Testament in the Spring each year. If you have a child between pre-school and 5th grade, stop by and check us out after the 9:30 service.

Parish Life

Oktoberfest

This annual adults only event is right around the corner. We will enjoy five rounds of German inspired food, play three games of bingo, and enjoy two rounds of trivia. Guests will have a choice of sampling different German inspired boars or good old American Root Roots with each round. If you have

inspired beers or good old American Root Beers with each round. If you have not yet purchased your ticket for this Friday's dinner (4 Oct beginning at 7pm), please call the office to see if there are any open seats remaining. Ticket cost is \$12.50 per person.



Pet Blessing

Sunday (6 Oct) is our annual service for the Blessing of the Animals. Our service will begin at 2:00pm this year, and weather permitting, will be held on the church lawn between the circle drive and parking lot sidewalk. All pets are welcome to bring their human companions. We do ask that our guests be on a leash, or in a carry all, for their own safety.



All Saints Sunday prayers



All Saints' Sunday is the first Sunday in Nov (3 Nov). If you have a loved one you wish remembered during the prayers, please pick up a form in the Narthex, or from the Spirit Hub, and fill it out to let us know who we can pray for in memorial and/or in thanksgiving. Please submit all prayer requests by Wednesday (30 Oct).

Daughters of the King

On September 1st, at the end of the 9:30am service, the new DOK officers were installed with a brief service led by Father Tom. The new DOK officers are Judy Darrell, president; Carol Schlismann, vice-president; and Wanda Marsh, secretary.

For those who don't know, Daughters of the King is an order, where the members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating a Rule of Prayer and a Rule of Service. The chapter here at Holy Spirit prays daily and maintains a monthly prayer list, which is confidential. For the Rule of Service, the chapter writes and mails out the hirthday and appiversary potecards fills and mails out



writes and mails out the birthday and anniversary notecards, fills and mails out college care packages twice a year, and on occasion, straightens the pews and replenishes blue prayer cards and hand sanitizer.

Prospective members undergo a time of study and discernment, which usually takes about 3 months. Once the class has been completed, those who are ready to make the commitment to become a Daughter will participate in the Service of Admission, where they make their vows and receive their crosses. If you would like more information on DOK, you should do two things. One, check out the website at www.doknational.org, which will provide more details about the Rule of Life. Two, meet with a current member to personally ask questions. Any Daughter should be willing to meet with anyone. Judy Darrell is the current chapter president. Please see her to set up a time and place to talk about this ministry.

Daughters of the King Install Deacon Terri as Chaplain



On September 21st, President Judy Darrell installed Deacon Terri Storm as Chaplain for the St. Margaret's Chapter. As the Chaplain, Deacon Terri will be a spiritual guide and advisor to chapter.

Team Leader Meeting

Last month, our ministry team leaders met with Fr Tom to go over the remaining 2024 calendar and to look ahead at 2025. One challenge discussed was Fr Tom's retirement, and how we might continue some of what he and Sharon typically helped organize, especially in the latter half of next year after they are gone. After some discussion, team leaders agreed to talk with their teams to see what our various ministries might be able to do to help with the transition we are facing. A comment that really stirred the



discussion was to have a plan, we needed a plan. It looks like a ministry plan is taking shape to make the parish plan a success and give the new rector time to settle in. Also discussed were budgets for next year and ideas on how to improve our Spirit Hub. While the meeting went longer than expected, a lot of good discussions took place. Our team leaders will gather again in the Spring to finalize planning for the second half of next year.

A Change in the Eucharist

Fr Tom has recently received a number of requests by members of the parish for a non-alcoholic option during communion. After approaching the Altar Guild to see how this might be possible, a plan was formed that was then approved by the Vestry. Beginning in Oct, we will offer grape juice in addition to wine during the Eucharist. Grape juice will be served by the LEM. Wine will continue to be served in clear cups and grape juice will be in purple cups to help distinguish between the two. Please be patient, as we begin this option.

We are not sure exactly how many will choose wine or grape juice and we may run out of one or the other during communion. Should this happen and your choice is not available, please let Sue or Barb know so they can make adjustments going forward. We hope by the end of the first month we should have a good idea of how much of both is needed. Our deacons will continue to offer wine in the common cups for those who wish to receive in this manner.

CHS Altar Guild



The Altar Guild is a committed team of volunteers who play a key role in creating and maintaining the beauty that helps us enter into worship and connect with the presence of God. The members of the Altar Guild serve about once a month in teams of three or four on a rotating basis. Last month, our Altar Guild Ministry Team began planning for the upcoming Advent (beginning Dec 1, 2024) and Christmas seasons. On Nov 26th, at 10:00am, the Guild, and any others that would like to help, we will bring the Christmas decorations from the attic to prepare

them for hanging after our Thanksgiving Eve service on Nov 27th. Later, during Advent, we will hold our biannual polishing party getting everything ready for Christmas. The members of the Guild find that handling the holy things and being in the church gives them a sense of peace, and the knowledge that "surely the Lord is in this place." Altar Guild membership is open to all interested teens and adults.

Would you like to know more about how you can be part of this important ministry? If so, please contact Sue Powell, Barb Smith, or any member of the Guild.

EfM

Education for Ministry began on September 17, 2024. This is an adult formation group that focuses on helping you discover the life God is calling you to. Participants follow a 4 year plan including Old Testament, New

Testament, Church History, and Introduction to Theology. We form a close-knit group because it is a safe space to wonder and share. Participants enroll for 1 year at a time. Enrollment is over this year but will come again next summer. Contact Cindy Pekarek or Ruth Richter for more information.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

-Cindy Pekarek, Mentor

Spirit Hub



One of the ideas that came out of our team leader meeting was that it might be helpful to once again describe the role and purpose of the Spirit Hub. Besides being a welcome center, the Hub is intended to be a central point of communication for the parish. It is where anyone can learn about what our ministries are doing and how one might become involved. The hub replaced what was affectionately called the clipboard table and instead of sitting on its own, we now ask each ministry to host it on a rotational basis to answer questions about their ministries, the ongoing activities of

the parish, and to welcome our guests. If you are part of a ministry, talk with your ministry team leader if you would like to help with this very important part of our parish life.

Annual Council

Later this month, our parish delegates will travel to Hasting, NE to gather with delegates from across the diocese, for the 157th Annual Diocesan Council. During Annual Council, elections are held for diocesan committees, the budget is reviewed and approved, ministries share highlights from the past year's efforts and invite people from across the diocese to join them in the coming year's activities. Please keep all of our delegates in your prayers for safe travel and discernment as they work together to help spread the good news of Jesus Christ.



CHS Bell Choir

Have you ever wanted to try a musical instrument, but it seemed overwhelming? Do you have a history of musical training but haven't used it in years? Are you a music aficionado and need an outlet for your knowledge and skills? Have you wanted to be part of a unique church ministry?



If you said "yes" to any of these questions, then the Bell Choir may be for you! The CHS Bell Choir performs a few times throughout the year offering a song or hymn during the liturgy. We will begin practicing for Christmas Eve services in October and welcome anyone who wants to explore this ministry. If interested, please reach out to Dcn. Terri for more details.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV) Training

On Wednesday (2 Oct) beginning at 5:30pm, Dcn Terri will offer current and prospective LEVs a training session, here at the church, to help ministry members understand some changes to this ministry. LEVs take communion to those who cannot join us for in-house worship because they are homebound or hospitalized. LEV visits help those who are separated from the body, know they are still connected through the love we share. For more information about this ministry, and how you might become involved, please contact Dcn Terri.



Adult Sunday School



Watch the Weekly Spark for information about an upcoming Sunday school class for adults later this month led by Dcn Terri. With the blessing of a larger clergy team, it is our hope to continuing offering some type of adult formation on a more regular basis.

Terri Storm's Ordination Continued













Vestry Meeting Minutes 12-Sept-2024

Vestry Members present: Barb Smith, Cindy Pekarek, Judy Darrell, Kristi Smith, Lori Erickson, and Rick Horejs. Also present: Bill French – Rector Search Committee and Carol McLaughlin – Recorder.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. Father Tom opened the meeting with prayer. He then outlined an upcoming event that CHS is invited to participate in. It is the Out of the Darkness Walk, sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention on September 28th. Participants will meet at Stinson Park; it starts at 11:30 am. More information will be coming for those interested.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE: Bill French updated the Vestry on the new rector search. He handed out draft copies of the CHS Profile for the Vestry to review. Any additions or changes or feedback should be sent by email to Bill or dropped off at the church office by September 19th. The search committee will then submit it to the Diocese office where it will be formatted into a final version to be used in our search.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Fr. Tom went over some upcoming calendar items. He noted that the Vestry meeting will be early next month, on October 10, due to a conflict with another activity in the building. Fr. Tom will be leaving on vacation on October 11 so there will be supply clergy on the 12th and 13th. Then on the 19th and 20th there will be evening and morning prayer led by our Deacons. The Annual Council will be in Hastings October 24-26. On the 27th will be a Trunk or Treat from 3:00 to 5:00. Sign-ups for cars providing treats and volunteers for games in the church will be at the Spirit Hub.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Judy Darrell presented the Operational Expense Review. We are at 99% giving. The main expense items noted were due to water damage and resulting HVAC issues. Other expenditures are within normal limits. On the Changes in Equity report Fr. Tom noted \$2,700 in mission trip expenses for the DR and \$2,300 went for the Youth Pilgrimage in July. Two college scholarships totaling \$1,500 were sent out last month. Under Building Fund, \$2,100 went out for water damage repair and HVAC maintenance. We also had \$7,353 income in the endowment. Balance Sheet: Net Cash Assets \$259.700. Total Available Cash Assets \$728,000.

M09-12-01: Rick moved and Cindy seconded that we accept the reports as presented. Motion passed with unanimous approval. **M09-12-02:** arb moved and Judy seconded that we pay the bills. Passed with unanimous approval.

Fr. Tom went over the expenditure requests for the month.

DATE	FUND	EXPENSE	AMOUNT
16-Aug	Outreach Misc	Bellevue Together – coats	500.00
19-Aug	Building Fund	Red door repair	392.54
19-Aug	CHS Scholarship	Ben Storm scholarship	500.00
23-Aug	Altar Guild	Linens	39.00
23-Aug	Brown Memorial Fund	Dalmatics for Deacons	372.67
26-Aug	Mission / Camp Fund	Youth Pilgrimage	1,528.98
26-Aug	Outreach Misc	Clipboards for Mobile Pantry	24.25
26-Aug	Vicar of Mission Fund	Mission expense	93.02
26-Aug	Building Fund	Computer batteries	84.60
26-Aug	Mission / Camp Fund	Youth Pilgrimage	50.47
26-Aug	Oktoberfest	Prizes	40.93
1-Sep	DOK Fund	Terri Ordination gift	405.00

DATE	FUND	EXPENSE	AMOUNT
4-Sep	Building Fund	Tree removal	1,800.00
6-Sep	Special Offering Fund	Terri Ordination flowers	291.04
8-Sep	Special Offering Fund	Terri Ordination groceries	318.32
9-Sep	Special Offering Fund	Terri Ordination groceries	113.85
9-Sep	Oktoberfest	Supplies / Prizes	47.29

DISCUSSION ITEMS / UPDATES:

- Cindy provided an update on the water damage claim. The damage was incurred when a sprinkler head broke and water leaked into the building, which in turn ruined the security system. The alarms going off during the night caused police and fire department to respond three times, which cost us due to "false" alarms. The total to repair all is \$1,768. We are waiting to hear from the insurance company on the status of the claim. We are responsible for the \$1,000 deductible.
- Fr. Tom provided an update on the church roof claim. The insurance adjuster who evaluated the hail damage claim offered to inspect our roof, due to recent storms. He said that the adjuster said there was significant damage. We had the roofing company come look at it and they were not able to see any significant damage. We are now waiting for the insurance and roofing company to get together and determine what needs to be done.
- Fr. Tom provided an update on the sanctuary lighting. The items are still backordered, and hopefully will be received in time to be installed before Thanksgiving, since we will not be able to use the sanctuary during the installation.
- Fr. Tom provided an update on the addition of a third microphone. We are told that the unit has been shipped and should be received within the next week or so.
- Fr. Tom handed out copies of the 2025 Budget Draft #2. There were updates made based on spending projections and some adjustments made to pledge offering and non-pledge income. Under operating expenses, the biggest change was in Insurance Liability. We will come in over budget there, as it will be closer to \$15,000 instead of the previously budgeted \$12,000. Under Building & Grounds, we will come in under budget in Utilities, because gas will be less than previously estimated. Operating expense and Ministry Expense should both come in under budget also. We should come in at around \$3,000 in the hole overall. Ministry budget inputs are due by October 6.
- Fr. Tom asked that Vestry members please remember to empty their mailboxes.
- If anyone needs to use the building please arrange it through Jean in the office. Also, if anyone swaps their VPOD day, please notify Jean by email for the bulletin.
- Kristi has been communicating with The Alzheimer's Association about coming here for a presentation. It has been suggested that we do this on a Sunday during or after the coffee hour. She needs to give them some dates that will work for us. Fr. Tom suggested October 13, October 20, or November 17. Kristi will contact them to set this up and will get some brochures.
- Barb advised that the Altar Guild discussed the option of having non-alcoholic wine / juice at services. Their suggestion is to use purple plastic communion cups for the grape juice and continue offering wine in the clear plastic cups. The vestry agreed with this option and we will begin doing this in October. Storing the open bottles of grape juice was discussed; one idea is to obtain a small refrigerator for Altar Guild use. Currently the juice is stored in the kitchen refrigerator, however the kitchen crew can't guarantee that no one else will use the juice, so they don't want it kept there over the long term. Fr. Tom suggested that a small refrigerator could go in the Clergy Vesting Room on the counter by the sink.

Rick advised that the scouts are proceeding as one unit of scouting, that will include both the boys and girls. They hope to be fully integrated by the first of October. Rick will be staying on as Scoutmaster longer than he had planned to help with the transition.

Kristi brought up that there are times when there is distraction (loud conversations, etc.) in the parish hall during services. Fr. Tom said that when this happens the VPOD should ask them to go into the library or conference room and close the door.

DECISION ITEMS:

- Fr. Tom would like to order personalized calendar refrigerator magnets for 2025. He wants to have them to include as giveaways at upcoming Mobile Pantries. If we order 200 the cost is \$.76 apiece. Judy offered to split the cost as she would put some in the gift shop.
- Fr. Tom got a price of \$3,500 for replacing the driveway lighting. **M09-12-03:** Lori moved that we proceed with this. Barb seconded. Passed with unanimous approval.
- Fr. Tom contacted our phone system provider to discuss updating our system, which is no longer covered for maintenance or repair. He was told that our needs would be served with a simple off-the-shelf system, possibly V-Tech or Panasonic, consisting of a base unit and several handsets. We could possibly get what we need for less than \$1,000, including set-up assistance from our current system provider. **M09-12-04:** Fr. Tom moved that we update our phone system accordingly. Rick seconded. Passed with unanimous approval.
- **M09-12-05:** Fr. Tom moved that we transfer \$3,000 from Rector Discretionary to the Lighting Fund and \$5,000 from Rector Discretionary to the Building Fund in order to replenish the money in those funds. Rick seconded. Approved with unanimous approval.

Terri's Letter of Agreement was given to the Senior Warden to sign.

There was no further business. **M09-12-06:** Judy moved and Lori seconded that the meeting adjourn. Passed with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Financial Report as of August 31, 2024						
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	YTD Actual	YTD Budget		
Pledged	\$ 14,027.00	\$ 17,512.17	\$ 133,060.00	\$ 140,097.33		
Other Inc.	<u>\$ 653.97</u>	<u>\$ 2,415.83</u>	<u>\$ 23,914.93</u>	<u>\$ 19,326.67</u>		
Total Inc	\$ 14,680.97	\$ 19,928.00	\$ 156,974.93	\$ 159,424.00		
Expenses	\$ 17,796.97	\$ 20,032.67	<u>\$ 148,806.65</u>	\$ 160,261.33		
			\$ 8,168.28			



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS!

Oct 04 - First Friday Sack Lunch - noon

Oct 04 - Octoberfest - 7pm

Oct 06 - Pet Blessing - 2pm

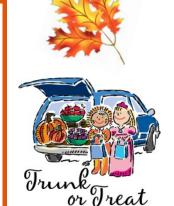
Oct 06 - Bellevue Berry Farm - 6:30pm

Oct 10 - Vestry Meeting - 6:30pm

Oct 13 - Finance Committee Meeting - 11am

Oct 24 - 26 - Annual Council Meeting

Oct 27 - Trunk or Treat - 2pm





LAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Ministr	ries	Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 27
VPOD		Cindy P	Kristi S	Lori E	Barb S
Hospitality Team 9:30 am Greeters ,Ushers & Coffee Hour Host		Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1
Altar Guild		Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Spirit F	lub	Acolytes	Cindy P Ali C	Bell Choir	Jan s
Altar Bread		Sue P	Sue P	Sue P	Sue P
Recycle Team		Jan S	Marcia A	Susan H	Karen G
LEM Saturday 5:00 pm		Kathy B Toby W	Kristi S	Charlotte A	Amber H
LEM Sunday 8:00 am		Doug A	Dcn Terri	Doug A	Doug A
LEM Sunday 9:30 am		Carol S Dcn Terri	Brian C Vince C	Grace W Michele H	Emily W Jan S
Acolytes	Crucifer Torch Torch	Isaiah JH Mya H MacKenzie C	Evelynn C Vincent C Mya H	Isaiah CH Olivia H MacKenzie C	Kyper M Vincent C Ailynn M

Please submit articles for the November 2024 FLAME to the church office by October 17th. Thank you







Regular Services:

Sunday: 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II *

Wednesday: 9:30 am Holy Eucharist *
Saturday: 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

* Broadcast live on Facebook

Education: September - May

Sunday: Sunday School @ 10:45 am Wednesday: Bible Study @ 10:15 am

Journey to Adulthood @ 6:30 pm

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am–3:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am–Noon

Rector's Day Off:

Friday

The Flame is a monthly production of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Episcopal, in Bellevue, Nebraska. We welcome all stories, pictures, and suggestions, but must reserve the right to choose what we can print. Please send articles and pictures to CHS Admin at holyspirit@chsepiscopal.org. The next deadline for submitting news is October 17th.

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