

CHIMES

A Quarterly Magazine for St. Laurence Church

May 2017

Graduating Seniors

New Curate
Comes to
St. Laurence

MALAWI
MISSION TRIP

Faith | Family | Tradition

Worshipping God in the Anglican Tradition since 1951

WELCOME COOPER

A Letter From Fr. John Jordan, Rector

Dear Parish Family,
God has been good to us here at St. Laurence and it's worth stopping to reflect on our experiences and many blessings.

A Time to Give Thanks & Celebrate

As we work our way through the month of May, there are lots of celebrations! We've celebrated Confirmation and 22 members of our Church family taking a step forward in their life of faith. We had Sunday School recognition, giving thanks for the multitude of Parish children and all that they've learned over the last year about God's love for them. We had an AMAZING Mother's Day celebration giving thanks for the strong women of our Parish and all of the love they manifest to us.

This coming Sunday, May 21, we'll be recognizing our very impressive graduating seniors,

some of whom have better resumés than I do! We'll end the month remembering our fallen men and women on Memorial Day and giving thanks to God for their service to our great country. We have so much to be thankful for and that's what drives these celebrations.

Cooper Morelock

In June, our new Curate, Cooper Morelock, will join our Parish staff. Cooper is graduating from Nashotah House seminary on June 1 and then will pack up and move down here, beginning his time with us pretty quickly afterwards. He'll be here just in time to join our youth on the High School mission trip. Cooper will be ordained a Deacon at St. Laurence on Sat, July 29 and then



ordained a priest probably sometime in the new year. He'll be with us for the next few years, getting his feet underneath him and learning the priestly ministry.

Cooper is a native Texan, growing up in Brownwood, Texas. He's a graduate of Texas A&M and is 25 years old. I met him years ago when he was a teenage camper out at Camp Crucis and he actually worked for my wife Liz one summer on staff out there. He's a great guy and I'm really looking forward to having him join our staff. Join me in welcoming him soon!

Summer

With summer coming up, I hope everyone gets a little bit of a break from the normal routine. Liz and I will be getting away in late June to celebrate our 15th anniversary and I hope you find some time to get away too. Make sure to take a look at our Summer Activities Booklet for all of the many special summer offerings we have coming up. While the pace of the Parish changes a bit, you'll find that there is still lots going on. It's going to be a great summer here at St. Laurence.

God bless each of you.

Fr. John



Sr. Warden's Report

A Letter from Jeff Bennett

Does it seem like the year is flying by? It sure does to me too. Your Vestry is hard at work representing the Parish family. We are divided up into four teams this year, focused on: Church Planting, Newcomers, Parish Involvement and the Expansion Committee. There is also, of course, the daily involvement of watching the budget and the upkeep of the beautiful property that God has provided us.



The Church Planting team is working on the possibility of someday "Planting" or starting a new church extension somewhere in the Haslet area (Alliance corridor) that would ultimately be independent of St. Laurence. Jason Liewehr, Becky Thomas, Jamie Weydeck, Shea Kirkman and John Geertsema are working hard on it. If you have any questions about the progress, stop them and ask about it.

The Newcomer's team is developing ways to welcome new Parish family members into the Church. They are looking at how we welcome them at the door, what we put in their hands, how we follow-up, the Welcome Brunch and everything in between. This team is made

up of John Geertsema and Mark Jameson. If you have any suggestions or questions just ask them.

Parish involvement is a team that is working on identifying ways to improve the Parish Directory with more information while also improving our ability to get more Parish family members involved in the everyday life of the Church. Greg Jones and Sarah Oliver are heading up this team. If you have any questions reach out to one of them.

Finally, the Expansion team is made up of Vestry and several parishioners. They are working toward being ready for construction as soon as we are able. The architect's plan, designs, engineering and approvals are a huge effort and the detail that goes into it is impressive. For questions ask Shea Kirkman or Laura Roach.

The St Laurence family is continuing to grow. We have added several new families since the first of the year. We had a record number of people at the early Easter service and yes, we are continuing to burst at the seams. You can see there is a lot going on and we are dedicated to working hard for our Church family while always praying that we do God's will. Thank you for all you do for the Church family. You are loved and prayed for daily.

Jeff Bennett, Sr. Warden

Register Now for VBS at St. Laurence

June 26-30, 9:00-Noon
Preschool - 5th grade

Registration is free until
May 30 so register your
kids now!

Volunteers are needed
too.

Register at:
saintlaurencechurch.org



Alyssa Grace Early



Parents & Siblings

Steve, Kim, Lauren, Ryan

High School

Coram Deo Academy

High School Activities

Drill Team, Track, Soccer, Debate and Student Section leader

Top 3 Honors/Achievements

Scoring 2 goals my first year of soccer, being a Kanakuk Princess, actually following through to change schools my junior year

Future Plans

Attend Texas A&M and become a special education teacher. Get married and adopt a kid.

Church Activities & Volunteer Work

Acolyte, Youth Group, Camp Kanakuk, Serving at MI7, Gallup New Mexico Mission Trip, Confirmed when I was 14

Favorite Church Memories

Playing "steal the bacon" with the youth group, Meeting my BFF Elizabeth

Favorite Bible Verse

Job 42:1-6
Then Job replied to the Lord: "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know." You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

Allison Nicole Edson



Parents & Siblings

Mark, Karie, Colby, Sarah

High School

Liberty Christian School

High School Activities

School musicals, mixed choir, Acapella choir, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Middle School mentor program, overseas mission trips, PALS for new students, tour guide, leadership academy, and worship team

Top 3 Honors/Achievements

Getting into my dream college, getting into National Honor Society, becoming an Aunt

Future Plans

I plan on attending OU in the fall with my best friend by my side to major in Business.

Church Activities & Volunteer Work

7 Mission Trips, National Charity League, Youth Groups, Bible Studies

Favorite Church Memories

My 6th grade mission trip when we were washing the fire trucks and we had one huge water fight with the hoses. I remember just seeing pure joy on everyone's faces.

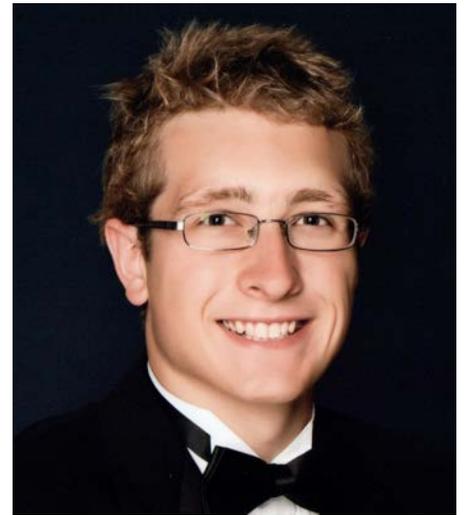
Favorite Bible Verse

Psalms 73: 23-26
"Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Hidden Talent

I am amazing at multitasking. For example I can binge watch Friends on Netflix while doing my homework!

Eric Hart



Parents & Siblings

Marc, Christine

High School

Southlake Carroll Sr. High School

High School Activities

Varsity Swimming and Carroll Medical Academy

Top 3 Honors/Achievements

National Merit Finalist, Eagle Scout, 2nd place Swedish Junior Nationals in 800 meter freestyle

Future Plans

Texas A&M Business Honors

Favorite Church Memories

Getting a birthday blessing from Bishop Iker

Favorite Bible Story

Jonah

Hidden Talent

Cooking

Jeffrey Garrett Kelley



Parents & Siblings

Garrett, Angela, Erin

High School

Home School

High School Activities

Boy Scouts of America, Jeffrey has Heart

Top 3 Honors/Achievements

Eagle Scout, Founding Jeffrey has Heart, Valedictorian, class clown, most handsome, most likely to succeed and captain of all varsity teams.

Future Plans

Attending Southern Methodist University, majoring in Business and Sociology

Church Activities & Volunteer Work

Youth Group, Canterbury Choir, String Ensemble for All Saints' Day, Union Gospel Mission volunteer, Acolyte and Thurifer, VBS Volunteer

Favorite Church Memories

The Easter Vigil about 4 years ago when Father summoned lightening at the Resurrection.

Favorite Bible Verse

Matthew 25:34-40
"for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ... And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Hidden Talent

I can quote any movie/tv show/book I've seen or read verbatim (ask for examples, i.e. Kung Fu Panda).

Spencer Lee Matheny



Parents & Siblings

Rodney, Paula, Emily

High School

Byron Nelson High School

High School Activities

Band, Tennis

Top 3 Honors/Achievements

Black belt, Lord Byron for tennis, Writing my name in cursive

Future Plans

Go to TCC for two years and do basics, then go to A&M

Church Activities & Volunteer Work

Mission Trips, Union Gospel Mission, Cleaning up Northwest Stadium

Favorite Church Memories

Going to New Mexico even if there was a lot of drama, and playing ping pong in Florida.

Favorite Bible Verse

John 3:16
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Hidden Talent

Black belt, YoYo tricks

Elizabeth Hope Mrasek



Parents & Siblings

Mike, Jean, Allison, Nicholas

High School

Southlake Carroll Sr. High School

High School Activities

Varsity Choir and Show Choir, National Charity League, Dance, JV Emerald Belles, Clara Bella Model, Best Buddies

Top 3 Honors/Achievements

OU President's Community Scholar, CISD Success Scholar, Getting into my dream school

Future Plans

Attending The University of Oklahoma with my best friend Allison Edson, where I will be studying Early Childhood-Special Needs Education.

Church Activities & Volunteer Work

Youth Group, Mission Trips, Acolyte, VBS, Children's Chapel, Summer Santa, GRACE, Battered Women's Shelter

Favorite Church Memories

Mission Trips - I would be stuck in the car for hours but I remember having so much with all the girls, as we jam to music and sing at the top of our lungs. I also loved getting so close to everyone and serving others wherever we went.

Favorite Bible Verse

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

Hidden Talent

Blogging and Calligraphy. I started a Christian blog with Alyssa Early and it has been a place for me to share the good news and to have peace with the Lord. I also take calligraphy classes from Katie LaPenna and have enjoyed it. It's a way for me to be more creative with my words and strengthen my writing skills.

Ryan Garrett Ruffner



Parents & Siblings

Steve, Laura, Regan

High School

Nolan Catholic High School

High School Activities

Varsity Football Offensive Lineman,
Track & Field, Robotics Team

Top 3 Honors/Achievements

Received High Honors or Honors recognition all 4 years, Letterman in Football, NCHS FRST Robotics Team: Dallas Regional Champions, World Championship Division Semi-Finalist

Future Plans

Texas A&M - Aerospace Engineering

Church Activities & Volunteer Work

Have attended St. Laurence my entire life, Baptism and Confirmation, VBS, Youth Group, Mission Trips (Possum Kingdom and New Mexico), Acolyte, NCHS Catholic Retreats, Kairos Catholic Retreat, Union Gospel Mission, Football Service Retreat, Catholic Charities Project, Jr. High Robotics Competition Volunteer, Stephen Breen Annual Memorial Field Day Volunteer, Freshman Welcoming Committee, Civil Air Patrol Cadet - USAF Auxiliary, Texas State Capital Page for Senator Nelson.

Margaret Kate Turner



Parents & Siblings

Bryan, Cristin, Nicole, Jack

High School

Grapevine High School

High School Activities

Track & Field - Varsity Pole Vaulter,
Graduating as a Distinguished Student

Top 3 Honors/Achievements

Only Freshman ranked in the top 10 and in 2016 ranked 3rd in 5A - Region 1 pole vaulting, In Senior year hit my goal of jumping 12'0", Top 10 competitor at several national championships in SCS/ABS rock climbing. Have been a competitive rock climber since I was 9.

Future Plans

University of Arkansas

Church Activities & Volunteer Work

Helping at Union Gospel Mission, Helping my Mom teach Kindergarten Sunday School, Easter egg hunts, working at the gym during Climb for Congo, Confirmation Class.

Favorite Church Memories

Being Confirmed by Bishop Iker

Favorite Bible Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Hidden Talent

I am a competitive rock climber and I climb with my team outdoors many weeks out of the summer at the Red Gorge in Kentucky.

Sock and Underwear Drive for GRACE June 25-July 23

The Daughters of the King are sponsoring their 3rd annual sock and underwear drive benefiting the children of GRACE clients. The drive starts June 25 and runs through July 23. It's a little earlier this year so that we can have all donations to GRACE before their annual back-to-school event in early August.

Needed

New socks and underwear for boys and girls, kindergarten through high school (Please, no hand-me-downs).
Sizes: kids small - adult XL

Bring donations to the box in the Church narthex. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Just drop a check marked "clothing drive" in the collection plate or call the Church office to charge your credit card.

Daughters of the King is a prayer and service order for women. In addition to daily prayers for the Parish, members participate in various individual and group service projects. They meet on the first Tuesday evening of each month during the school year. For information about this project, contact Jan Votto, jvotto@outlook.com, or for information about DOK, contact Carolyn Cole, colegaro@yahoo.com.

Malawi Mission Trip Team Gets Ready to Go

All the planning comes together next month when our Mission Trip team finally puts feet on the ground in Malawi. The group of 11 leaves June 15 for the 35 hour trip. Led by Fr. Scott Wilson, the group consists of Angela and David Fraser, their kids Sydney, Avery and Marlee, Shelly Neal, Kim Cooley, Erin Wallace, Fr. Hampton from Holy Apostles in Ft. Worth and his wife Shelly.

While there, they will visit schools and hospitals, go to Mfula to see the church we helped build and meet the priest we support, go to Likoma Island where Fr. Scott will lead a priests' conference, and go to Mzuzu to see the Diocesan office and Bishop Fanuel. They will also distribute approx. 25 solar powered audio bibles in the Chichewa language to many

of the villages around the diocese. Since the priests there each serve several villages, these audio bibles will help the people to hear the bible in their own language when the priest cannot be with them.

One of the goals of the mission trip is to put materials in the hands of the people and teach them bible stories so they can in turn teach the stories in

their churches and communities. The team is taking children's books for 7 different bible stories and have added the corresponding scripture verses in Chichewa so they can teach the stories in English and then leave them behind in both English and Chichewa.

Props and scenery have been created to help in telling the stories and they have prepared discussion questions, games and handouts that correspond to each story to help convey the message.



In the picture, Avery Fraser is sitting in front of a large whale made out of collapsible sticks that she will use to tell the story of Jonah and the whale. They will use this basic structure with a blue sheet to portray a whale and a brown sheet to portray the lion's den in the Daniel story or the tomb in the Easter story. They are taking approximately 8 sets of the materials for each of the 7

stories that they plan to teach so that they can leave a full set of materials for each story at the different schools and villages they visit. The group has also been learning music in Chichewa so they can teach songs that go with the bible stories.

It's going to be an exciting time for them and we know God will work amazing things through them.

Financials January-April 2017

	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>
Receipts			
Pledged Offerings	\$267,644	\$242,000	\$242,979
Non-Pledged Offerings	\$ 18,509	\$ 16,000	\$ 18,007
Other Receipts	\$ 40,587	\$ 25,000	\$ 39,267
Total	\$326,740	\$283,000	\$300,253
Disbursements			
Pastoral Care	\$103,345	\$102,056	\$104,921
Spiritual Growth	\$ 50,184	\$ 50,321	\$ 56,718
Worship	\$106,787	\$100,805	\$106,206
Evangelism	\$ 54,385	\$ 42,793	\$ 44,592
Total	\$314,701	\$295,975	\$312,437

Ascension Eve Mass and Bonfire

Join us Wed, May 24 for a great evening of worship and fellowship.



Come to Mass at 6:30pm in the Church and then join us on the lawn between the Church and Parish Hall for the bonfire. Bring your own chair but we'll have the beer, wine, non-alcoholic drinks and all the makings for s'mores (there is no dinner). Join us for a wonderfully casual, family evening of fun.



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