

MAY 2026

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

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The Epistle to the Elizabethans

A WORD FROM FR. DEKE MILLER



The Easter season is a season of joy and celebration. In the Church we remember all that Christ has done for us through His life, death, and resurrection. Through His passion we have life and have it in abundance! The Church is at her best this time of year. It is in that joy and that assurance that we go on to Pentecost and then into the long stretch of what is known as Ordinary Time or the Season after Pentecost.

It is common for many to believe that after Easter Sunday the Church goes into a "Summer Hibernation". While many go on vacations and our northern friends go home to escape the heat

the Church is still very active and alive. I am excited about all that is going on at St. Elizabeth's. I hope everyone will remember the Church even while on vacation and at home out of state.

Events planned for the Summer include an ECW Luncheon on May 16th our new Photo Club is planning a "field trip" to Wabasso Beach on May 9th. In July is our Vacation Bible School July 20th - 24th.

We are also planning for our first Alpha program. This is a program on the basics of the Christian faith. This program runs approximately eleven weeks. We are still in the planning stages it may not be that long. How does this work? First, Alpha is for the Church and any guests who wish to attend. Second, Alpha is designed for those outside the Church. More information is to come. It is a very exciting & informative program. I hope everyone will join in the fun!

Last, but not least, we had a wonderful Holy Week and Easter. Thank you to everyone who helped out with all the preparations and the services.

It was such a joy to see so many people take part in the retelling of Jesus' passion and in the celebration of His resurrection. Again, thank you! So as we move into Summer please remember to support your Church prayerfully and financially. God is at work in us and through us!

Fr. Deke +



MAY Birthdays		MAY Anniversaries	
Pam McKenzie	2	William & Edythe Clemons	6
Bonny Wilson	8	Jerome & Athena Adams	7
Debbie Trickett	9	Frank & Bernice Montefusco	7
Linda Dean	16	John & Chrissie Grimison	20
Curtis Wettj	21		
Linda Pelchy	24		
Diane Garrison	26		
Denise Bersos	28		
Pete Cleary	31		

St. Patrick's Day Dinner held on Saturday, March 14th. **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers for their hard work and help making delicious Irish Soda Bread. It was enjoyed by everyone!



Church Picnic held on Sunday, April 12th ~ **THANK YOU** to all our wonderful volunteers! Great Day!



FUN TIMES at the ECW Paint Party held on Saturday, April 18th!



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Sunday, May 10th



Pentecost begins Sunday, May 24th
Wear RED!



Monday, May 25th
Church Offices will be closed

ST. ELIZABETH'S PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Our first Photography Club meeting held on March 11th was well received. We plan on continuing to meet every 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Russell Bldg. Come join us as we continue to learn and improve our knowledge in photography skills. Our next meeting will be on May 13th. Photography Club Field Trip Saturday, May 9th 8:00am Wabasso Beach. Bring your Cameras! All are welcome to join us!

Elizabeth's Episcopal Women (ECW)

ECW Meeting Saturday, May 16th 10:00am Last meeting until September ~ Have a great Summer!

ECW Spring Luncheon Saturday, May 16th 11:30am see bulletin board in Narthex for sign up sheet/menu

ECW present their annual **Bakeless Bake Sale**. No muss no fuss just a need met. Cash/Checks accepted please make it payable to St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church ECW. All donations are due in by Sunday, May 17th. Thank you for your donation!

BIG RED BUS/Blood Donation coming to St. Elizabeth's ~ Sunday, May 17th!!
Blood Donation Hours 7:30am - 12:30pm (church parking lot before & after both services)
Thank you for donating blood!!

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Every month we have a gathering of men for a time of breakfast & fellowship. Our next gathering will be **Saturday, May 23rd 8:00am Country Ham/Eggs 478 US-1 Sebastian**. Each person will be responsible for paying their own breakfast. See sign up sheet on bulletin board in Narthex. Come join us!

QUARTERLY OUTREACH/The SOURCE

Sunday, May 31st donations will be going to the **Camp Wingmann (Scholarship Fund)** Each donation up to \$100.00 will be matched by Endowment. Cash/Checks are acceptable. If making a donation by check, please make it payable to St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church and indicate Quarterly Outreach on memo line on your check. See sign up sheet on bulletin board in Narthex. Thank you for your donation! **Quarterly Outreach in March collected \$612.00 for the Roseland Ecumenical Food Pantry and with Endowment matching gifts we are able to send them a check for \$1,224.00! Thank you everyone for your generosity!**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

H.A.L.O No-Kill Rescue Shelter located at 710 Jackson St. in Sebastian is in desperate need of old bath towels. If you have old bath towels you are no longer using please place them in the box in Narthex or you may drop them off at the shelter. Thank you for your donation!

FOOD PANTRY ~ Roseland

Ecumenical Food Pantry in Roseland needs White Rice (1 pound bag/box preferred), cans of Tuna Fish, Mac/Cheese, Pasta (any kind). Please place donated items in the Narthex. Thank you for your donation!

2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 20 - July 24

Volunteers needed! If interested, see sign up sheet on bulletin board in Narthex!
Registration forms available in the Narthex & online! stelizabethssebastian.org



A word from our Sr. Warden....

The Joy of Fellowship: Reflections on Our Church Picnic & Excitement for Vacation Bible School

This year's church picnic was a resounding success bringing together members of all ages for a day filled with laughter, delicious food, and warm fellowship. Even though the event was held indoors the hall was alive with the delicious aroma of grilled burgers & hot dogs. The picnic served as a beautiful reminder to me of how our faith brings us together, not just in worship, but in everyday moments of fun and friendship.

Denise Roberts, Sr. Warden

On another note, our excitement is growing for the next big event: Vacation Bible School! Preparations are already underway! We can't wait to welcome children from our congregation and the wider community for a week of learning, creativity, and spiritual growth. Engaging in bible stories, lively music, crafts, & more. VBS promises to be another unforgettable experience! Please spread the word about Vacation Bible School and consider joining our team of volunteers! Your involvement will help us to continue to build meaningful connections and share God's love throughout our community. Together let's make this year's Vacation Bible School truly unforgettable for everyone who attends.

Denise Roberts, VBS Director

A word from our Jr. Warden...

Spring Clean Up

On Tuesday, March 31st we had our annual Spring Cleaning Day. We had the chance to spruce up the dusty corners & dirty windows. Our weekly schedule of maintaining the lawn, shrubs, fixing minor and sometimes big needed repairs keeps us busy. It was a great success. Our church was all polished & shiny for Easter! What a great way to honor our Lord and to show our love for St. Elizabeth's Church! A huge THANK YOU to all who worked so hard on that day! Many hands make light work! Many of our younger members work during the week so therefore, I was asked to change our work day from Tuesday to Saturday beginning April 25th. I hope to see all the caretakers of St. Elizabeth on Saturday!

Church Picnic

On Sunday, April 12th we had our annual Church Picnic. What a great day for our parish family! Weather was perfect! We had 130 people attend our one service at 9:30am. People brought their favorite picnic salads, desserts, clam chowder, meatballs & more. The guys fired up the grills for hamburgers/hotdogs served with all our favorite condiments! Cleanup went quickly! Leftovers were packed up. Trash into the containers. Kitchen cleanup for serving utensils etc. Linda & I want to thank everyone for helping and coming and cleaning up! Without your help and support these gatherings would not be possible. Thanks to all! *Ken Dean, Jr. Warden*

How is Endowment Income Being Used?

St. Elizabeth's Endowment Fund investments had income of \$8000 this year. This helped to fund St. Elizabeth's Mission/Outreach. This money was authorized by the Vestry and helped to fund the Quarterly Outreach. Donations that were matched were collected in March for the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Roseland. This will continue to help fund Quarterly Outreach recipients through 2026. Expenses for the 2026 Vacation Bible School in July are covered. This money is being used to help support Scholarships and Food for Neighbors program. As donations continue to grow, the Fund Principal income will continue to increase as well. The support will continue for these and future missions and the needs of St. Elizabeth's. ***Let us work for the good of all. (Galatians 6:10)***

Bill Curtis

