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## St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

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# The Epistle to the Elizabethans

## A Word from Father Norm:



June is the month when some of us begin to think about vacations. We are saying good-bye for now to our parish family who go north for the summer months. I notice the drive down on the highway seems less congested. Businesses in our local area look forward to welcoming the folks who live year round in Florida. Many turn on the AC and get ready for the heat of the summer, although last year

we were cooler than some of our friends up north.

Stores are preparing for the beginning of hurricane season. With the predictions now out, it looks like another busy season. People will begin to check loose branches in trees, fire up generators to be sure all is working well, get extra water in and be assured there are enough canned goods to keep them going for a few days. We want to assure ourselves that we can minimize injury to life and property or worse the loss of lives.

That leads me to wonder

how are you preparing for your own end of days? Are you ready to be greeted in the hereafter with those words from the prophet, "well done good and faithful servant"? Have you done anything lately to get your spiritual life in order so that you need not worry about whether there will be a place for you in the kingdom of God? We focus so much of our energy on accomplishing worldly needs that we run out of time for our spiritual life.

I would hope that we could each take time in our life to hear the *Continued page 4*

## A Word From Our Sr. Warden:

### WELCOME BACK!

It seems like forever since we were able to meet as a church family, have just one service to fill all the pews and followed by the church picnic to fill the parish hall. I know that every one of us has a different level of comfort when it comes to social gatherings. We should only socialize to the extent that we feel comfortable. However, I know that it is important for us to unite as a church family if possible.

We shared great food, great fun and great church family. Thank you to everyone who set up, cleaned up, cooked or brought food! If you think we should do this in October, let me or another vestry member know.

God Bless!

Ken Dean, Senior Warden

**ECW CLOSSES OUT YEAR**

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Elizabeth’s finished their meeting year on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, with a luncheon. There were 17 people in attendance-the food was good and the company was good. There were some of the men that joined us.

It was a successful year. We were able to have the Treasure Sale and still marvel at the amount of items donated, the number of people that helped and the financial success. Thank you all! We will be able to continue to support St. Elizabeth’s programs and help pay the electric bill. We hope to do another Treasure Sale in the fall. Watch for news about this.

Since we meet from September to June each year our next meeting will be September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Ladies save this date on your calendar and join us to start



Birthdays

Nancy Jones	June 3
Kirsten Farmer	June 6
Bill Curtis	June 9
Vilma Bryan	June 11
Michele Condron	June 11
David Wortmann	June 13
William Ingui	June 17
Lori Hoey	June 20
Michael Colangeli	June 25
Thomas Ingui	June 25
Kylee Goodger	June 28
Patti Addington	June 29

Anniversaries:

Ashley & Marie Badger	June 15
Bob & Judy Mastro	June 17
David & Frances Wortmann	June 22
Joseph & Alice Stone	June 29



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DOK:** The Daughters will be showing the movie “Do you Believe?” on **June 5th** after 10:00am service. Lunch will be served. All our welcome.

**Soup Ministry:** Are you feeling under the weather, maybe a little blue? Is there a neighbor or acquaintance feeling that way too? St. Elizabeth’s has the cure, SOUP! Please take a pint or two from the freezer in the church kitchen and share the warmth.

**Coffee Hour:** Continues... Yay! Please bring food items and enjoy fellowship after both services. There is a sign-up posted on the bulletin board for food donations and for assistance with set-up and clean-up.

**DOK:** The Daughters of the King are available for prayer in the Chapel during communion on the first Sunday of the month at the 8am Service and on the second and fourth Sunday of the month during the 10am Service.

**Food Pantry:** The local food pantry needs food donations continually. Please bring in your extra canned goods and leave them in the Narthex. A big Thank You to Jack Shepard for volunteering his time to bring the canned goods over to the food pantry. Don’t forget, the food pantry staff are always looking for volunteers. See Jack for details. The preferred items list is posted on the bulletin board.

**Name Tags:** Let’s all wear our name tags. Check the name tag boards in the Narthex for your name tag. If you need a name tag or correction, put a note in the collection plate or call the church office at 77-589-2770

## **From Fr. Norm: continued**

small, still voice of God and what He would have us do to make our life better and richer. Read the scripture, set up a prayer discipline, meet regularly in a community of worship. All of these things are steps in the right direction but there are many more. June is a season of preparation. Let us find ourselves prepared to meet the challenges that this life brings us and yet be prepared to receive the glory that awaits us.

## **Our Deacons at St. Elizabeth's**

Deacons are ordained within the Episcopal Church after at least three years of study and discernment. With the agreement of the parish priest, deacons are appointed to a parish by the Bishop and report to him/her through the diocesan Archdeacon. The central concept of the diaconate is an individual ministry of “servanthood” reaching out to all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely in our community. Deacons may also assist the priest during the services.

St. Elizabeth’s is specially blessed to have 3 deacons at our church, Lori Hoey, and Bob and Caroline Quinnell. So what roles do these deacons have in our parish life? During Sunday worship, their roles reflect their everyday lives as servants. They are angelic messengers singing and telling about Jesus and His Good News. They help prepare the table for communion and dismissal at the end of the service is also a part of deacon’s angelic role of making announcements, sending the congregation out to love and serve the Lord. Fr . Norm has invited our deacons to preach at Sunday service, so you will occasionally hear a new voice from the altar preaching the Good News.

Deacons are not allowed to be in charge of congregations and they cannot perform the sacraments that a priest may perform in absolving, blessing or consecrating. However, deacons may perform marriages and officiate at funerals and other services that do not involve the celebration of the Mass.

As their ministries involve “servanthood” reaching out to the community, our deacons are able to visit homes for administering communion, prayers and healing prayers. Please call the church if you would like to speak with one of our deacons.