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## St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

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# The Epistle to the Elizabethans

## A WORD FROM FR. NORM.....



In the second letter to the church in Corinth, Paul introduces us to a different level of his theology. I continued to read through 2 Corinthians this morning as I spend time with the word of God. In my reading this morning, I paused to reflect on 2 Corinthians 9: 10-12. Paul writes:

***“He who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.***

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." (NRSV)

What appropriate words to read as we get ready for our holiday season and begin to plan for Thanksgiving celebrations. Paul is obviously speaking

about the agriculture of his day but I expect the meaning can go deeper than that. This is such a busy time in our church year. We not only prepare to enjoy some of the best food of the year and overindulge our appetites but we also prepare for the beginning of a new church year with Advent around the corner. In our preparations I am reminded that stewardship and Loyalty Sunday are upon us once again. What better seed to plant than the seeds of stewardship of time, talent and money? We are preparing for ministry in 2025 as we look at the needs of the church to continue to be a presence of the Holy in Sebastian. Without the thankful hearts of each of our parishioners and friends, this ministry might not be as strong as it could be.

I hope you remember the church in your celebrations of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Take a look around and ask yourself if God has blessed you or not. Do you have full cupboards, a full refrigerator, gas in the car, a roof without leaks and the many other things we take for granted each and every day? If all of this is a reality, we know it comes from God who loves us and wants us to have the very best. Let us show our appreciation by offering to Him a portion of all he has provided us. If each of us were to prayerfully consider how blessed our lives are, and gave back to God a token share, think of the many ministry opportunities we could provide

to those who are struggling these days in such a difficult time. Paul goes on to say in the same letter;

***“Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!” (2 Cor. 9: 13-15)***

The seeds are in our hands. Will we be willing to plant seeds of caring and love so that others may come to know the love of God or will this merely be a holiday season like so many others? God has been so good to us as a church and individually. He asks us to help as He builds His Kingdom among us. I pray each of us will take a moment to consider our pledge that it reflects the love of God in our lives.

***Fr. Norman +***

**OCTOBER Birthdays**

Deacon Carolyn Quinnell	9
Scott Anders	11
Diana Iverson	12
Jack Shepard	12
Cheryl Bourgoïn	13
Dorothea (Ginny) Heady	18
Ken Dean	19
Rita Shepard	24
Carol Janssen	26
Margo Barney	27
Nancy Dounouk	27

**OCTOBER Anniversaries**

Frank & Betty Sanzo	3
Guy & Pam McKenzie	10
Bob & Betty McNutt	10
Bill & Mary Jane Ingui	12

***TREASURE SALE - ECW***

***Friday, October 25th & Saturday, October 26th***  
***8:00am to 1:00pm***

Our ECW meeting will be on Saturday, October 19th 10:00am - Russell Building. We will be discussing final details regarding our upcoming Treasure Sale.

***Donations will be accepted and can be dropped off in the Russell Bldg on***  
***Sunday, October 20th Noon - 2:00pm and***  
***Monday - Wednesday October 21-23 between 8:00am and Noon***

Bake Sale 8am –1pm and Hamburgers/Hot Dogs will be served from 11:00am –1:00pm  
 Volunteers are needed - any open availability you may have will be appreciated.  
 Please see sign up sheets on bulletin board. Any questions please reach out to Pat Cleary.

This year the ECW has selected “***SANTA FOR SENIORS***” holiday gift drive sponsored by the Senior Resource Association as our Christmas project. See flyer on the bulletin board for more details. We will be collecting items October 19th - December 8th. There will be a box in the Angel Office for donations. See flyer on bulletin board for requested items. Any questions see Deacon Carolyn. Looking forward to seeing all our ladies at the October meeting!

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pet Blessing held on Saturday, October 5th by Deacon Lori was a great event!

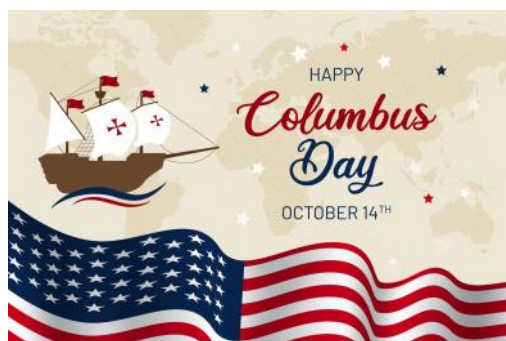
*St. Elizabeth's 40th Anniversary will be on Sunday, October 13th  
Cheers for 40 years!*

*COMEDY by Juanita Lolita (free will offering will be appreciated)*



***2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN***

The Stewardship Campaign will begin on Sunday, October 27th and will end on Sunday, November 10th. Please complete your pledge card by November 10th and place in collection basket or you may drop it off at the church office. Thank you for always supporting St. Elizabeth's!



*Thursday, October 31st*

*A message from our Jr. Warden, Guy McKenzie*

As we turn the corner to October and look forward to cooler weather arriving soon now it's time to start our playground renovations. We are ordering materials now in a couple weeks. We will be looking for volunteers to help demo the old equipment and then to help build and assemble the new equipment. See me if you are interested in helping out. Thank you so much!

*Save the Date - Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Generational Healing For Our Families*

We inherit all kinds of things from our families – some good and others not so good. At our healing service on November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will take a look at our family trees to see if there are trends that run from one generation to the next. For those good attributes, such as kindness, generosity, musical talent, faithfulness to God – we will give thanks. Likewise, we will take a look at the negative aspects which may have come down through our family lines, such as alcoholism, drug abuse, divorce, hatefulness, trauma and the like. Each person will be given two copies of a family genogram that they will fill out to the best of their ability. On one we will list the blessings; the other one will have the negatives. We will then offer both copies to the Lord during our special healing service. Once we have done so, we will then keep the blessings and burn the curses. If you have any questions, please speak to either Deacon Carolyn or Deacon Bob.

*Deacons Bob & Carolyn Quinnell*

*Ladies of the ECW*

Every woman in our parish is automatically a member of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and we welcome each and every one to our monthly meetings held on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. At our September meeting, the ladies in attendance voted to support an Indian River County program that distributes Christmas gifts to elderly shut-ins who have no family close by. For some, the only gift they receive at Christmas is through this program. If you would care to join us in bringing a bit of cheer to someone, please see the flyer on the bulletin board for a list of suggestions.

Since this is a new project for our ECW, we in no way wish to interfere with the annual Toys for Tots. We ask that all donations be brought to our October 19<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup> meetings as there will not be a box in the Narthex for this gathering.

*Deacon Carolyn Quinnell*

**JOY = SERVICE**

***The SOURCE held on Sunday, September 29, 2024***

*The dining room is set up with tables for four. Often with flowers on the table. Volunteers are serving brunch. We sit down with the guests listening and offering prayers. Thank you Miss Simona for sharing yours with me. You spoke with dignity and then asked me to pray with you... I felt so blessed.*

*It's the 5th Sunday of the month and I get to bake, serve and listen to the guests at the Source. A kitchen feeding our homeless, brothers and sisters three meals a day everyday in Vero. Chrissie, Christy, Denise B., Kay, Melissa, Steve and I left with big smiles and happy hearts.*

*Dawn Curtis*

