

THE LESSER WORD -- March 2014

The people of Our Savior are committed to developing a deeper relationship with God and to reach out to each other, the community and the world through Scripture, Tradition, and Reason.

FROM OUR RECTOR

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This year during Lent, all in the parish are encouraged to get involved in **Restoration 20+1+4**. This Lenten discipline arises out of our involvement in *The Restoration Project*, a national parish renewal movement in The Episcopal Church. It centers on three spiritual disciplines of the Christian church: prayer, worship, and service as avenues for the renewal of God's people. The formula is simple: Each person is asked to engage in **20** minutes of prayer per day, **1** hour of worship per week, and **4** hours of service per month. The hour of worship per week is fairly easy for most of us to complete—it would be fulfilled if one simply came to worship weekly during Lent. More foreboding to people is the 20 minutes of prayer per day and the 4 hours of service per month, but these need not be worrisome. Here are a couple of suggestions for engaging in these disciplines.

Prayer

There are many ways to pray, from very formal to free-form prayers. If you like more formal prayer, these can be found in the *Book of Common Prayer* under the subsection *The Daily Office*, beginning on page 37. There, you will find two forms each for Morning and Evening Prayer: Rite One, which uses the traditional language; and Rite Two, which uses contemporary language. These prayer forms are usually combined with scripture reading. Two years of daily scripture texts can be found in the *BCP* beginning on page 934 (we are currently in *Year 2* of the daily lectionary.) The Daily Office also includes a form for Noon Prayer and Compline, or prayers for later in the evening. If you like formal prayer, take a look at these and consider the time of day that is best for you to engage in daily prayer.



Not everyone likes formal prayer, however. That's okay. One person who spends a lot of time in her car has already decided that she will designate some car time to prayer. During that time, she will likely pray for the people in her life in need of prayer (it is good no matter how you pray to keep a prayer list of people you want to hold in prayer). Others like to pray throughout the day whenever the Spirit moves. I pray during my workout time at the gym between weight sets, for example. I find that three Hail Mary's after each set fills the 30 seconds rest I am to take after each set. In doing this, I have discovered that prayer hallows even mundane workouts and makes it holy time.

Finally, at COS we have three special times during the week designated to prayer: Wednesday noon when we gather to pray the **Roman Rosary**; Thursday noon when we gather to pray the **Anglican Rosary**; and Friday noon when we gather to pray the **Stations of the Cross**. If you have not experienced any of these prayer forms, I encourage you to give them a try. You may find a wonderful blessing in them.

Service

Service is at the heart of Christianity. Jesus bids us to serve others as if we were serving him (Matthew 25). While each of us serves others in a myriad of ways from day to day, reaching out to those in particular need, especially those we don't know, is vitally important. **Restoration 20+1+4** challenges you to set aside four hours per month for precisely this kind of service. Of course, there are ways to serve at COS, the Community Meal on Wednesday being the centerpiece of just such service. At our Adult Education class during Lent, various service organizations from North Platte will be here to talk about the work they do and the ways you can serve with them. Additionally, Angela Musselman, a member of COS, has compiled a list of service opportunities in our area. We thank her for her work and we hope you will make use of her list to find ways to give of yourselves on behalf of those in need as Jesus bids us.

I am excited about **Restoration 20+1+4** as a way for us to engage in spiritual disciplines that offer the opportunity for spiritual renewal. I invite you all to join me in this venture as we begin our Lenten discipline.

Peace!
Fr. Jeffrey+



FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

What a wonderful group of returning and new people on the Vestry. We all are, by God's grace, the group that will lead by example and offer you new ways in your walk with God.

To begin with, Father Jeffrey's Lenten Challenge of 20 + 1 + 4 is a great start. Be sure to check the calendar in this newsletter for the schedule of Lenten services.



M. L. Martin.
Senior Warden

Note – no calves on the ground yet but bad weather is coming and so will they!

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9.
Remember to set your clocks **ahead**.



February Holy Days

We will celebrate three Holy Days in March:



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel and 7:00 p.m. in the church. This solemn day marks the beginning of our Lenten fast. The liturgies will include the Imposition of Ashes, which reminds us of our mortality and our need for God's grace in Christ.

The Feast of Saint Joseph, the guardian of our Lord Jesus, will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 19 at 5:00 in the chapel;

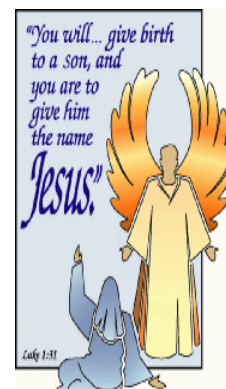
and **The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary**, which commemorates the visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary to announce that she would bear Jesus, the Messiah, will be on Tuesday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel. Please join us!

Family Education Night

Our *Family Education Night* in February will be on **Sunday, March 9**. Please note, this is the *second Sunday of the month*, a slight change from usual.

This month, we will engage the story of the Annunciation to Mary by the angel Gabriel that she would bear the Messiah. The Bible basis for the story is Luke 1:26–38, in case you'd like to do some advance reading! The evening begins with a light supper at 6:00 followed by intergenerational large and small group learning. At 7:15, the whole group will gather for a sending worship. We will conclude the evening by 7:30.

Remember, **mentoring our young people in the faith is key to their Christian formation**, so we encourage **all adults** to come and learn alongside the young people and share their faith with them.



Wednesdays.com Adult Class:

Service: The Christian Way to Greatness

March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9 at 6:30 PM

This five-week Lenten series focuses on the heart of the Christian message: servanthood. Jesus tells us that greatness in the Kingdom of God is found in self-denial and service to others, which he demonstrates especially on the road to the cross.

Each week during Lent, we will focus on a servant ministry in North Platte with an eye toward volunteering one's service in the name of Jesus in one of the ministries: *The Connection* (3/12); *Habitat for Humanity* (3/19); *Great Plains Home Health & Hospice* (3/26); *The United Way* (4/2); TBA (4/9). This would be a perfect opportunity for those involved in **Restoration 20+1+4** to find a place to complete their 1 hour of service per week. Instructors: Various



Downtown Community Meal

Church of Our Savior has been blessed with a vibrant ministry called the **Wednesday Community Meal**. Thanks to the spirited leadership of COS member Shari Shore and a group of very dedicated regular volunteers, the meal serves between 80 and 125 hungry people in the North Platte community weekly. I am proud of this ministry of our parish, and so is the diocese, by the way. COS is unique among the parishes of the diocese in that we are the only church that does this weekly—something for which to be very proud and grateful!

For quite some time now, the Community Meal has been expanding. Recently, we were placed on the list of community organizations who accept food donations from Walmart, which has helped greatly to keep the cost of each meal down (we are able to create a meal for about \$1.00/plate). Many thanks go out to Brian Gardner and Dan Brown who regularly go to the food distribution site and bring the food back to the church. Thanks to this in addition to monetary and food donations by the recipients of the meal, and to donations by others, the Community Meal has been self-sufficient! Another thing for which to be grateful.

Now we celebrate a new development. Recently, I invited three other downtown churches to join us in this ministry. Two of the churches—St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and First Christian Church—have accepted our invitation! Beginning on March 26, St. Pat's will provide volunteers to help serve the meal each 4th Wednesday of the month, and beginning on April 9, First Christian will provide volunteers on each 2nd Wednesday of the month! Additionally, St. Pat's will donate \$100/month to the ministry and will also donate any leftover meat from their food pantry. Further, we will provide referrals to families in need for another food ministry of First Christian Church. We will continue to coordinate the ministry and provide the facility (with an expanded pantry). Because of the ecumenical nature of this ministry, we will now call it the **Downtown Community Meal**.



This presents a challenge for our parish. We now have only two Wednesdays for which we are responsible monthly (though no doubt our regulars may wish to continue to serve weekly, which is great!). I would like to see more individuals and groups from our church step up to help serve the Downtown Community Meal regularly. There are many ways to serve. I'm sure Dan and Brian would welcome help to retrieve and transport food from the distribution site at the Salvation Army each Wednesday to the church. Those with trucks or big SUVs are especially welcome! As for the meal itself, we basically have two shifts: preparation time, 2:00-4:00 p.m., and serving and clean-up, 4:00-6:30 p.m. Additionally, after the meal, we often deliver leftover food to people in need and other organizations who will use the food so that it will not go to waste. You could come for the whole afternoon or only a portion, your choice!

So this is a challenge to all parish members (and a great way to engage the **Restoration 20+1+4** Lenten challenge): consider regularly setting aside time to serve those in need in our community as Jesus bids us, for in so doing, we serve not just them, but Jesus as well! And this is a challenge to all groups in the church: Vestry, Standing

Committees, Men's Group, Women's Night Out group, the women's guilds, the Altar Guild, the Acolyte Guild, the choir, families. What a great way to come together as a parish around a central theme of the Christian faith: service. For Jesus said, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

WHY DO CHRISTIANS SING?



I attended a funeral recently in another church. The recessional hymn was "I Know that My Redeemer Lives." It had eight verses; we sang them all.

I found myself singing one of the deep convictions of my Christian faith. Singing it made it immediate. Singing it with other members of the Body of Christ gave it power. Singing it to comfort a bereaved family and strengthen their own faith gave it purpose.

That's why Christians sing.

---Naomi Getty

PRE-LENT TALENT SHOW

Think about it! What better time to show off our talents than after a wonderful pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 4.



If your group is interested in doing a skit, singing, or whatever, please sign on the list in the Narthex.

Plan to join us for this evening of levity before the solemnity of Lent.



Pancake Supper

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Mark your calendar! On **Sunday, March 2**, we will have an acolyte training session for **all** current acolytes and for anyone wanting to serve as an acolyte. It's a most rewarding and helpful ministry. The training will begin at **9:00 AM**.

Pam Wright is our new acolyte master. Thanks to Susan Fry for her good work with this the last few years.



Acolytes

Our Church Family

Our sympathy to friends and family of

Bill T. Yanagida, 91, brother of Susie Kudlacek, who died January 15, 2014, in Ferley, NV. Services will be at Fort McPherson National Cemetery.

Ruth Matsutani, 93, who died February 9, 2014. Services were February 15 at Church of Our Savior.

Janice"Jan" June Salestrom, 87, mother of Chuck Salestrom, who died February 5, 2014. Services were February 16 at First Lutheran Church in Kearney.

Robert "Bob" Dillon Henrickson, 90, father of Nicki Evans, died February 18, 2014. Services were February 22.



Eleanor Kay Miller, born January 25, 2014, to Major Patrick and Melissa Miller of Brooklyn, NY. Jean and Steve Kay are grandparents, Harold Kay great-grandfather.

CONGRATULATIONS to...

Jocelyn Waker, on President's List, Fall term MPCC.

Alyssa Brady and **Nathan Brady**, Dean's List at UNK.

Lance Carlson, named President of Carlson Financial Group of North Platte, which has merged with Barry Carlson Agency in eastern Nebraska.



3/15 Chub and Marcia Mapes

3/11 Devin & Claire Waya

3/21 John and Nancy Striebel

BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

3/2 Ronald Andersen

3/4 Syble Heffernan

3/6 Vernon Allen, Sam Musselman

3/8 Helen Haney

3/11 Jim Edwards, Pam Waker

3/13 Shawn Farley

3/18 Lynda Perry, Dorothy Sauer

3/20 Mike Varicak

3/20 Montana Heffernan

3/21 Eldon "Chub" Mapes, Matthew Musselman

3/23 Kathy Thomsen

3/26 Jean Kay

3/29 Susan Altig



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH

March 2: Ruth Carson; Dan Brown

March 9-30: No flowers during Lent

If you would like to donate altar flowers, please Janine Stickelman at 532-1054. You may order two vases, or share cost of a vase.



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vases, one

Vestry Minutes

January 21, 2014

Members in Attendance: Dan Brown, Junior Warden, Fr. Jeffrey Nelson, DaNelle Nisley, Treasurer, Janet Evans, Shari Shore, Tim Thompson, Renee Sullivan, Terry Martin, Don Yoshida, and Marcia Mapes, clerk of the vestry. Not in Attendance: M. L. Martin, Sharon Meyer, John Striebel, and Jenny Salestrom

Opening: The meeting was opened with Holy Eucharist (Agnes, Martyr at Rome) at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting and the January 12 meeting were reviewed. Tim moved to accept minutes of both meetings as presented, second by Renee. Motion carried.

Priest's Report: Fr. Jeffrey reported the attendance at the Christmas services was up from last year as well as the offering.

He mentioned the next Family Education Night is February 9 and stated how important it is for adults to attend these educational events as the adults learn as much from the youth as the youth learn from the adults.

The Wednesday adult class is studying the book of Revelation.

The music for the liturgies is changing and exciting.

We had a good, positive annual meeting last Sunday. Good questions were asked.

Senior Warden's Report: None

Junior Warden's Report: Dan reported there had been a problem with the bells but has been corrected. January 30 is the boiler inspection.

Fr. Jeffrey added there a few problems with the pipe organ and Darrow Organ Company will be here this week to make needed repairs.

Treasurer's Report: DaNelle reported there is \$158.55 left from the Organ Rededication Fund. She asked the vestry if the money should be moved to the general fund. Shari moved \$158.55 be moved to the general fund, second by Renee. Motion carried.

Weight Watchers rents space and has for over 20 years. DaNelle suggested their rental fee be revisited and changed as needed according to the current rental fee schedule. This idea needed more information and was tabled until next month.

DaNelle reported there is \$1000 in the Capital Campaign fund. She asked the vestry if the money should be used to pay on the principal of the loan or leave as is. Dan moved to use the \$1000.00 in the Capital Campaign fund to pay on the principal, second by Tim. Motion carried.

DaNelle reported a group wishing to use our space, in particular the nursery and maybe a room upstairs, on occasion and will pay \$125.00 per month. The group is the McConaughy Discovery Center. Shari moved to allow renting out said space for \$125 per month, second by Janet. Motion carried.

Tim moved to pay the bills, second by Janet. Motion carried.

Tim moved to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Janet. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Anniversary Committee – Janet reported the next meeting is January 28. Events scheduled are city bus tour, 60's night, and watch the video Fr. Sam made.

Christian Formation – No report.

Communications – Fr. Jeffrey reported progress is being made as we move toward new technology.

Endowment – No report.

Outreach – Shari reported they are brainstorming for new ideas and fundraisers. This committee delivered 14 decorated Christmas trees last month.

Policy – No report.

Stewardship – No report.

Worship and the Arts – Fr. Jeffrey reported musicians are blending organ and piano music. Choir is in flux.

Old Business: Renee is checking with other churches in the Diocese for information on use of an AED, Automatic Electronic Defibrillator.

New Business: None

Other Business: The next meeting of the vestry will be February 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Mapes, Clerk of the Vestry

THE BIBLE CHALLENGE ENDS

Those who have been involved in the Bible Challenge came to the end of our journey in February. Hopefully, this has been an enlightening experience for all. If you got behind, stay with it. It is important to engage the Bible in such a significant way. Watch for our final gathering to talk about the experience!

Women's Night Out

will meet at **6:00 PM** on **Tuesday, March 11**, at The Depot.

St. Margaret's Guild

will meet **Thursday, March 7, 11:30 a.m.** Note change in time. Join them in the church library for conversation and a program. Bring your own sandwich. Dessert to be furnished.



St. Bridget's Guild

will meet **1:00 PM** on **Wednesday, March 26**, at Heidi's.

NEWS FROM TWIC EAST IN SUDAN

Bishop Ezekiel Diing





Our friends in Twic East – our South Sudanese companion diocese – have been faced with almost unimaginable violence and persecution over the past many weeks. These are excerpts from a letter written to Canon Yeates this week by Bishop Ezekiel Diing. If you wish to respond to his request for immediate financial help, please send a check marked for “Twic East Relief” to: Beth Byrne, The Diocese of Nebraska, 109 N 18th Street, Omaha, NE 68102. We will see that your cash donations get into the bishop’s hands as quickly and safely as possible.

Excerpts from Bishop Ezekiel’s Letter: For your information our condition with our families and Congregations in this bad situation of war in our Country is very bad. We are not sure about our Congregations in Bor and Twic East because the war between Dr Riek Macar and Government of the Republic of South Sudan had killed many people both men, women, children old and young people in both Dioceses. The survivors might have crossed the River Nile to west of the Nile in Yirol County. Some of them had drowned in the Nile because they can’t swim. Most of the people are scatted in the bush.

Bor Town is now laying in ashes and the war is still going on. Many things are looted and many houses are burned down. Vultures are not able to continue feeding on the remains of the deceased people in Bor because they are satisfied. Our hearts are broken when we hear our dear fathers, mothers and children are laying dead in Bor Town and all over the land of Bor in and around not burred, but what do we do. Only God is the answer. Our Pastors in the two Dioceses are scattered with the people and we are not sure of their whereabouts or their survive. I have heard some of my pastors have reported into the Kakuma Refuge camp in Kenya. Also we are not getting support in cash to buy food for our families, to hire accommodation, to pay school fees for our children to go to school, to pay for medication, etc. I think this is the time that Partners pay attention to one another with serious of concern at the time of devastation. What I mean is that I need help with my Pastors and their families. I will go to Juba on next Monday (Feb 10) to attend emergency meeting of the bishops’ call by the Archbishop. In this meeting I will declare Twic East Diocese a deserted area it is DISPLACED; all of us are scatted. Keep on remembering us in your prayers. May God Almighty be with you.

Rt Rev Ezekiel Diing Ajang Malangdit.
Bishop of the Diocese of Twic East of Twic East County;
Jonglei State Republic of South

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 <i>Last Sun after Epiphany</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:00 Acolyte Practice 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:00 Sharing & Outreach 2:00 Prayer Shawl 3:00 Worship at Premier Estates</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>SHROVE TUESDAY</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 Wt Watchers 10:45 Prayer Ministry 12:00 Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 Pancake Supper with Entertainment</p>	<p>5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:00AM Chapel, Holy Eucharist & Imposition/Ashes 10:00 Staff 12:00Rom Rosary 5:30 Downtown Community Meal Wednesdays.com 4:15 PK-1st Gr 7:00PM, Church Holy Eucharist & Imposition/Ashes</p>	<p>6 10:30 Restoration Bible Study 11:30 St. Margaret 12:00 Angl. Rosary</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing 5:30 Weight Watchers 6:15 Altar Guild 6:30 Worship & Arts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:00 Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>1</p> <hr/> <p>8</p>
<p>9 <i>1st Sun in Lent Daylight Saving Time begins</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 New Mbr Class 10:30 Holy Eucharist 2:00 Stamp Club 6:00 Family Education Night</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 Wt Watchers 12:00Bible Study 6:00 Women's Night Out, Depot 6:00 Men's Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:00 Roman Rosary 5:15 Finance 5:30 Downtown Community Meal Wednesdays.com 4:15 PK-1st Gr 6:00Holden Prayer 6:30 Adult Class</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:30 Restoration Bible Study 12:00 Angl. Rosary</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing 5:30 Wt. Watchers 6:30 Restoration Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:00 Stations of the Cross 2:00 Worship at Linden Court</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 <i>2nd Sun in Lent</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 New Member Class 10:30 Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 Prayer Shawl 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 Weight Watchers 10:45 Prayer Ministry 12:00 Bible Study 3:00 Worship at Centennial 6:00 Vestry</p>	<p>19 <i>St. Joseph</i> 10:00 Staff Mtg 12:00RomanRosary 5:00 Holy Eucharist, Chapel 5:30 Downtown Community Meal Wednesdays.com 4:15 PK-1st Gr 6:30 Adult Class</p>	<p>20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:30 Restoration Bible Study 12:00 Angl Rosary 5:30 Holy Eucharist with Healing 5:30 Wt Watchers 6:30 Restoration Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12:00 Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>22</p>
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<p>30 <i>4th Sun in Lent</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 New Member Class 10:30 Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>31</p>					

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR IN HISTORY

There have been eight ordinations at Church of Our Savior:

John G. Power was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Anson R. Graves on August 29, 1897.

Alfred Alonzo Gilman was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Anson R. Graves on June 16, 1901.

Alfred Alonzo Gilman was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Anson R. Graves on August 24, 1902.

Henry Ives was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop George A. Beecher on June 6, 1915.

Henry Ives was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop George A. Beecher on April 1, 1920.

Hiram Hisanori Kano was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop George A. Beecher on February 2, 1936.

Gordon Hurst Barrow was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop George A. Beecher on May 16, 1943.

Gordon Hurst Barrow was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop George A. Beecher on November 30, 1943.

Bishop Beecher's Autobiography

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

The Rt. Rev. George Allen Beecher [Bishop of the Missionary District of Western Nebraska 1910-1943] served as rector of Church of Our Savior from October of 1895 to November of 1902.

“Previous to our coming, the new church had been completed, and the former rector, the Rev. L. P. McDonald, and his family had moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where Mr. McDonald became the rector of St. Paul's Church.

When I entered upon the work of this parish, I found its parochial organizations carrying on with enthusiasm and devotion. There were nearly forty members enrolled in the Woman's Auxiliary and guild. The Sunday School was well supplied with competent teachers, with an enrollment of nearly one hundred. The members of the vestry were all faithful and regular communicants, and their spirit of cooperation was a great help in every way. The North Side Chapel proved from the very beginning a real missionary asset to this parish. Baptisms and confirmations were annually increasing as the result of this parochial missionary enterprise. Some of the strongest supporters and most faithful communicants of the parish are the direct descendants of this mission. There is no parish or mission in the district where the records have been more carefully preserved, and the continuity of the parochial life more unified and progressive than in the Church of Our Saviour, North Platte.

“. . . Sometimes the size of a building impresses one with a sense of responsibility. That church in North Platte looked big enough to me to be a cathedral. I remember that I stood looking at it one time, and thought it would undoubtedly be the largest church in which I would ever be a rector. I drew myself up full height, threw my shoulders back, and walked on past the church in the feeling that I was quite an important man. There was the vested choir, with the procession and processional cross; the larger congregations, to which I had not been accustomed in the small missions of the Plains. The whole situation impressed me with bigness in all respects. The list of families was nearly as large as the entire group of missions in which I had formerly served, and they were all located within the parish boundaries, with the exception of some families living in the country. There was a thrill in it all, and we both felt the urge of making every day count, from early morning until late at night, in maintaining the strength of the parish.

The church was filled that first Sunday, and I was somewhat conscious of the newness of things. There was that feeling that the vast majority of those present were hearing my voice and seeing me for the first time. It requires self-control and lots of courage to go through the first service as the new rector of a parish. We shall never forget how wonderfully fine our people in North Platte were to us in every way. We were welcomed in every home, and it was a joy and privilege to be in them. The custom of holding evening services had not been abandoned. I do not remember a Sunday in my parishes where evening services were not held. This meant at least three regular services with Sunday school, and possibly a mission service besides. The records show that on this first Sunday in North Platte, two hundred and forty-five people attended the services morning and evening combined. . . .”

A Bishop of the Great Plains, by George Allen Beecher, Bishop of the Missionary District of Western Nebraska, Church Historical Society, Philadelphia, 1950. Pgs. 65-66, 68

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Many prominent businessmen as well as officials of fraternal orders of this city have forwarded letters to Dean Beecher, of Omaha, asking that his ordination as bishop of the Kearney district take place in this city. While North Platte was not the first parish over which Dean Beecher presided as rector, he was new in the ministry when he came here, and it can be said that while he practically laid the foundation for the worth and work that has advanced him to the bishopric. The Tribune trusts Dean Beecher will acquiesce to the request which many of his friends in North Platte have made.

North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, **October 25, 1910**

T.C. Patterson and W.M. Cunningham went to Omaha Wednesday night to confer with Bishop Beecher relative to having the ordination services held in this city. North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, **October 28, 1910**

The Rev. George Allen Beecher was consecrated Bishop of the Kearney missionary district at Trinity Cathedral in Omaha on Wednesday, November 30, 1910. North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, **March 17, 1911**

BISHOP BEECHER TO LOCATE IN KEARNEY

Rev. C.F. Chapman received a letter from Bishop Geo. A. Beecher Wednesday in which he stated that he had selected Kearney as the see city-his residence and headquarters. Members of the local church and citizens generally had hoped that Bishop Beecher would select North Platte as his residence, and that he has decided not to do so is a disappointment to all. Had the Bishop decided to locate here arrangements would have been made to purchase or build a suitable residence for him.

"EPISCOPAL BISHOP AT LUNCHEON THRILLS THE CROWD WITH HIS STORY"

The tables in the basement of the church were well filled with people yesterday noon at a luncheon given in honor [sic] of the visiting bishops and clergy of the Episcopal Church. The dinner was served by the ladies of the church and was highly complemented by the speakers on several occasions. Rev. W. H. Moore introduced Bishop Beecher of Western Nebraska who presided. Short talks were made by Ira L. Bare for the business interests of the city and J. Q. Wilcox on behalf of the local parish. Bishop Shaler [sic] of Nebraska spoke to some length of people and conditions and his remarks were frequently applauded because of their wit and humor. The guest of honor was Bishop Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States and when he was introduced the whole assembly arose to do him homage. He spoke in a happy vein of his early experiences here but quickly rose to the thing that is closest to his heart-the subject of missions. His address was highly appreciated by those who heard him. After the luncheon a photograph of the party was taken just south of the church."

North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, **June 10, 1921**, Page 1

"HUMAN NATURE STORY"

Bishop Tuttle at the luncheon yesterday noon, said that statistics are like sausages, their value depends upon our confidence in the man who made them." North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, **June 10, 1921**, Page 4





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Parish Leadership:

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Sundays:
Holy Eucharist, spoken (Rite I) 8:00 AM
Holy Eucharist, sung (Rite II) 10:30 AM
Thursdays:
Holy Eucharist with Healing
5:30 PM-Chapel

Weekly Contemplative Prayer:

Wednesdays
Roman Rosary, 12:00PM, Chapel
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Anglican Rosary, 12:00PM, Chapel

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