



June 2017 Chimes

The first chapter in William Barclay's book The Mind of Jesus is titled "The Great Discovery." In it he writes, ***it may be said that there are two great beginnings in the life of every man who has left his mark upon history. There is the day when he is born into the world; and there is the day when he discovers why he was born into the world.*** All of us struggle at times to discern what our purpose in life really is. Having a sense of purpose is what gives life meaning and allows us to become all that God has created us to be. Making that great discovery doesn't just happen -- it requires effort on our part, and often a great deal of effort! In The Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren reminds us that the true reason we are here is far greater than our own personal fulfillment, peace of mind, or happiness. ***If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, he writes, you must begin with God.***

Recently, your Vestry spent a Saturday together talking about Christ Cathedral; the past, the present, the future, and about our sense of purpose. For over 110 years, many people have worshipped, received the sacraments, and heard the word of God proclaimed in this holy space. Wonderful things have taken place, and lives have been changed, because of the work and ministry of the people who have been part of the Cathedral through the years as it has grown and matured, expanded and evolved, since the laying of the cornerstone in 1906.

So where do we go from here? How do *you* see Christ Cathedral going forward into the future? Does the Cathedral, and do you as an individual, have a sense of purpose for ministry -- specifically God's purpose -- at this time?

As one of the books that has been written about the history of the Cathedral points out, ***the building the Cathedral was a marvelous testimony to the faith and determination of the early Episcopalians in Salina and our Diocese (All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name).*** I am confident that God has a purpose for Christ Cathedral, and that each of you plays an important role in that purpose. As we move forward in faith and with determination, and particularly as we look for new ways to serve God and to carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond, I ask you to join your Vestry and me, in praying that God will give us open and discerning hearts and minds.

As St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Ephesians...*It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone (1:11).*

In common cause and with every blessing...Fr. David



Confirmation of Kay Quinn, on May 28, 2017  
Pictured here with Bishop Milliken and The Rev. Susanne B. Methven



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Vocal Students of the Music Academy under the direction of Matt Schwan.

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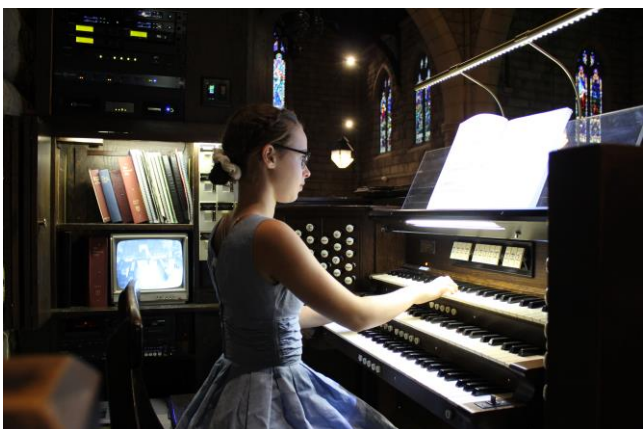
Sam Neff

Bradyn Houlberg

Will Hayes

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Hannah Janzen



Music Academy student of  
Royce Young on both piano  
and organ,

Avery Smith



### **Vestry Highlights**

In lieu of a regular Vestry meeting, the vestry met at the St. Francis Foundation office on May 13, 2017 for a mini retreat led by Fr. Smokey Oats. Fr. Smokey led the vestry in many exercises to help develop good listening, negotiation, problem solving, decision making, and conflict management skills. Each vestry member filled out a temperament sorter to show how each deals with things. It made the vestry members understand they they all had different ways of looking at things which will help them in making decisions for the Cathedral. Fr. Smokey had the vestry draw up a historical timeline of the cathedral from when it was built to the present day. When looking at both the good things and the bad things that have happened at the cathedral, a pattern emerged. The vestry is challenged to break this pattern for the good of the cathedral. This mini retreat helped the vestry in many ways and it is hoped that the congregation will see positive changes as a result.

The next regular vestry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the Saint Francis Foundation building on Iron.

*Linda Favre, Vestry Clerk*

## 2017 Stewardship Review

	Spreadsheet for Chimes Article		Year-to-Date	
May 31, 2017		Total Amount	Amount	
Year-to-Date	Income Account	Received	Budgeted	Difference
May 31, 2017	Loose Off.& Non Pledged Inc.	\$12,626	\$8,333	\$4,293
May 31, 2017	Pledged Income	\$66,836	\$55,275	\$11,561
<b>May 31, 2017</b>	<b>Total Contributions Received</b>	<b>\$79,462</b>	<b>\$63,608</b>	<b>\$15,854</b>

### **Announcement:**

CWC will meet for lunch at Salina Country Club on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:15. Diane Hurst will contrast Reality VS. Expectations. The Brenner Sisters Trio will entertain. Reservations can be made by calling Denise DuBois @ 784-201-5904.