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Daughters of the King December meeting

Grace Chapter of Daughters of the King will meet Saturday, December 2, 9:30 a.m. in the Bubb Room. After worship, the group will work on their Christmas card project and share in a Christmas cookie exchange. All women of the Cathedral are warmly invited to join this special meeting. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne DeWeese at 785-449-2141 or christysuz@gmail.com.

Adult Forum, December 3, 10 & 17

The Our Father: As children we learned the "Our Father." Do the words have the same meaning today, or have they changed with spiritual maturity? Join Jude and Sharon Highberger as they explore the personal meaning of The Lord's Prayer, beginning this Sunday, December 3, 9:30 a.m., in the downstairs BKSM classrooms.

It's time for the St. Nicholas Celebration!

Sunday, December 3, 9:30 a.m.—Sloan Hall (upstairs)

Children, parents and grandparents: Meet St. Nicholas at our annual celebration of the beloved Bishop of Myra's Feast Day.

Food Sunday, December 3

The first Sunday of each month is known as "Food Sunday," when you are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food to fill the grocery cart in the Cathedral. The food is then taken to Let's Help and Doorstep to help replenish their food pantries. Also on Food Sunday, we will have HyVee cards for sale following each service. The Cathedral earns \$5 for each \$100 card sold.

Choral Evensong for the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 4 p.m.

Sung by the Cathedral Choristers with special music by the Cathedral Handbells. A perfect way to start your Advent Season.

Advent Service of Hope and Healing, Tuesday, December 5, 5:30 p.m.

The holidays are a time when most everyone seems to be happy and having a good time, but it can be a challenging season for those who have experienced loss or grief. Stephen Ministry is offering an Advent Service of Hope and Healing for those who are feeling sadness or stress. It will be held Tuesday, Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m. at Grace Cathedral. You are invited to join us in this safe and sacred space.

Advent Mitten Tree is up

All Cathedral members are invited to help decorate the "Mitten Tree" with new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. After Christmas, the decorations will be given to needy Topeka children.

Reader's Theatre to present Christmas performance, December 10, 4 p.m.

The Cathedral Reader's Theatre performance of "The Christmas Truce of 1914" will be held in the Common Room at 4 p.m. on December 10. This play is a retelling of an incident in which German and British soldiers spontaneously created a truce on Christmas Eve, 1914. The play, created by Susan Raby and based almost entirely of letters written at the time, will explore how rank and file soldiers, inspired by the Christmas story, temporarily suspended hostilities. The performance is free and open to the public.

From the Diocesan Search Committee...

The Search Committee for the 10th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas today has released its profile of the diocese and announces that nominations now are open for the position. The profile, along with application forms and nomination forms, are available online at www.kansasbishopsearch.org. The Nominations will be accepted from Nov. 20, 2017 through Jan. 19, 2018.

Creation of the profile follows months of seeking feedback from across the diocese, combined with study, prayer and reflection. The profile and nominating process also has been approved by the Council of Trustees.

The committee hopes that members of the diocese will carefully explore the profile, as they believe it provides a comprehensive overview of the diocese and articulates the hopes and dreams expressed by the diocese for the future of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Kansas.

After all nominations have been received, the Search Committee, using a blind review process, will meet Feb. 16-17, 2018, to select applicants to be invited for online interviews. The committee will meet again on March 17 to select the semi-finalists, who will be invited to a discernment retreat on June 8-11, 2018. The final slate of candidates will be announced shortly after that.

The election of the 10th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas will take place in Topeka on Oct. 19, 2018, and the new bishop's service of consecration is scheduled for March 2, 2019.

How your online shopping can benefit Grace Cathedral!

Amazon Smile has the exact same selection and prices as Amazon.com with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price (0.5%) to Grace Cathedral! Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. Simply start by going to smile.amazon.com and select "Grace Cathedral, Topeka, KS" as your charity by entering it in the box and clicking search. You must begin your shopping at smile.amazon.com for the program to engage.

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Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Sierra Burchett, Janet Lampe, Alicia & Jim Moses, Heather Myers, Kelly Slemons, Jeanne Tucker, Chris Vanatta

Readings for the First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37