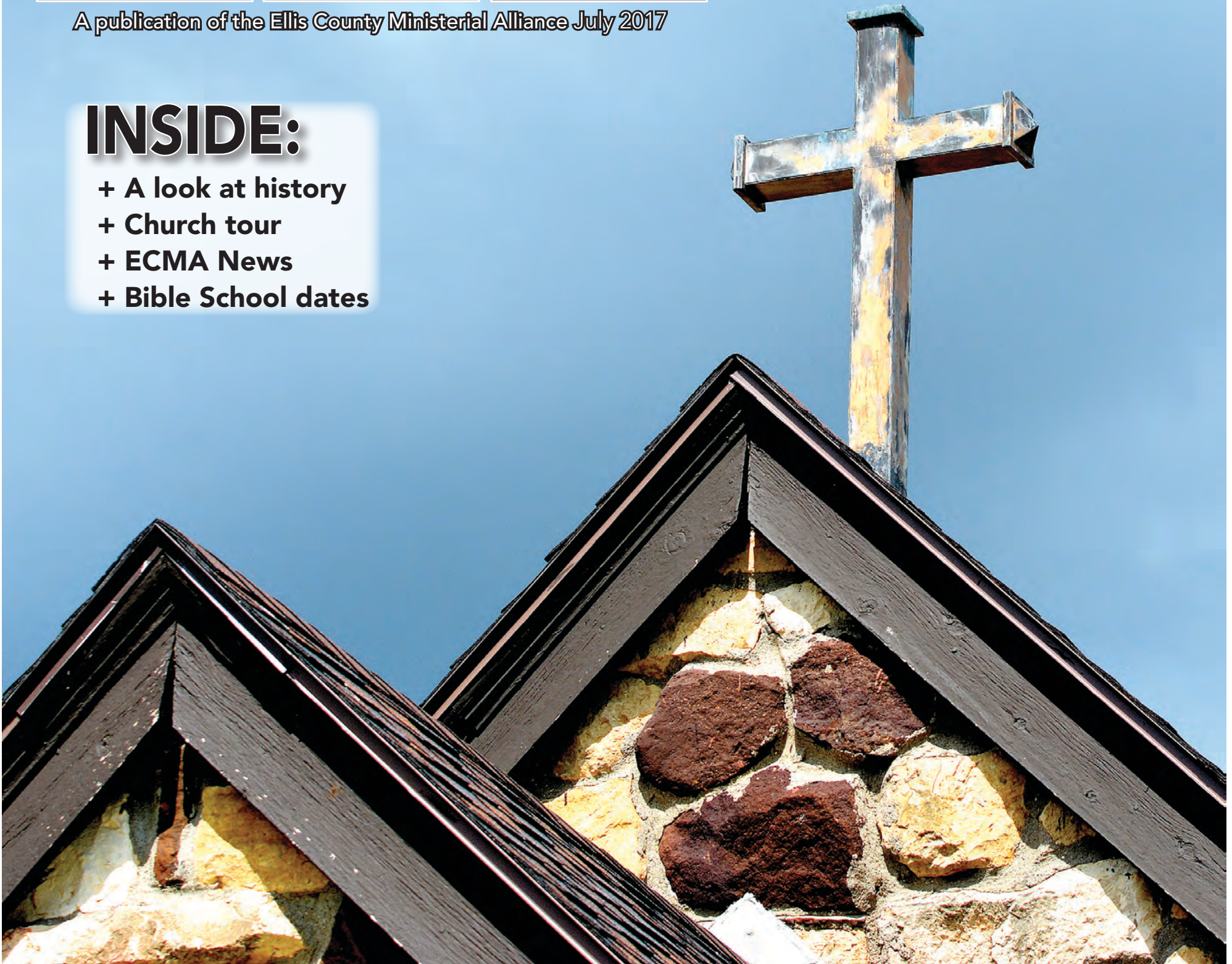




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A look back at history

Hello dear ONE readers! This month as Hays celebrates its 150th Anniversary, we at the ONE magazine also wanted to celebrate.



Welcome
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In this month's issue, you will find articles about the history of some of the congregations in Ellis County. Did you know, there are over 30 congregations

in Ellis County? (Check out <http://ourecma.com/> churches for a list.) That is a lot of history of people worshiping together in community. If someone from your church did not write an article and you want to learn more about the history of your con-

gregation, I encourage you to ask. And/or if you learn something new about your own congregation or another congregation in the county, let them know. We all have a story to tell. We all can learn from one another. We all are part of the body of Christ.

'We are better together'

After pastoring in Southern California for nearly 10 years I moved to Hays in 1993. Without a church to pastor here, I took on a job as the general manager of a local radio station and even though I was successful in that endeavor, I missed the purposeful calling as pastor. While speaking to a group of leadership students on "Living Your Life On Purpose", I heard God speak directly to me saying, "Why are you not doing what I have purposed you to do?" In that instant, Celebration Community Church was born. The vision God gave me was to reach out to people interested in spiritual issues but who didn't think church was relevant to their daily lives.



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Through what was at the time an innovative approach to doing church involving contemporary music, drama, multi-media, and practical biblical messages, a remarkable thing began to occur. People throughout the Ellis County area discovered a church that met them where they were in their spiritual lives.

Starting in a storefront with 14 people on a Thursday night in August of 1996, Celebration Community Church has grown to over 1,000 adults and children attending weekly in two campuses. On December 8, 1996, the first Sunday services were started at Hays

High School with 93 in attendance. After 2 ½ years at Hays High School we moved to The Ellis County Fairgrounds Schenk Building setting up and taking down 250 chairs each Sunday morning for the next 2 years.

In 2001, the church bought and refurbished the 13,000 square feet dilapidated truck repair garage. That year a full-time church secretary and youth minister Ericka Pfeiffer and Brant Rice were added to the staff. Celebration's full and part time staff has since grown to 17 servants.

In 2004, Celebration applied to the FCC for a low power radio station license and in 2006 began broadcasting 98.5 FM "The Truth".

In 2004, Celebration Community Church was also chosen to receive the Church Health Award by Purpose Driven Ministries. My wife Debbie and I accepted that honor in Southern California from Saddleback Church's Rick Warren.

In 2006, needing more classroom and office space we embarked on our second capital campaign and raised over a million dollars to add an additional 15,000 square feet of multipurpose ministry area.

At this moment, we are involved in another 16,000 square foot building project that will result in a new state

of the art 650 seat worship center, gathering space, and coffee bar. We are expecting to be worshipping in the new facilities by the fall of 2017.

After 21 years of attempting to do what God has purposed me to do, I will be retiring from C3 at the end of October 2017 and moving to Ellijay, Georgia, where Debbie and I can be closer to our four grandchildren.

Teaching Pastor Brant Rice will become the new Senior Pastor aided by Systems Pastor Derek Mayfield and a tremendous group of committed staff and volunteers.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to have been the President of the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance when we began this joint venture with The Hays Daily News called ONE magazine. This is what I wrote as a welcome in the inaugural issue of ONE in December of 2007:

"As President of ECMA this year it is my desire to encourage the churches of Ellis County to take seriously Jesus' prayer and make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit. The Ellis County Ministerial Alliance and this partnership with the Hays Daily News is a big step in that direction and can help to bring about the answer to Christ's prayer, that we may be one."

I close with these words that still ring true today, ten years later:

We are better together,
Kyle

SUBMISSIONS

ONE and the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance encourage submissions from ECMA congregations. Photographs, stories, testimonies and other submissions should be directed toward your church leaders or sent via email to one@dailynews.net.

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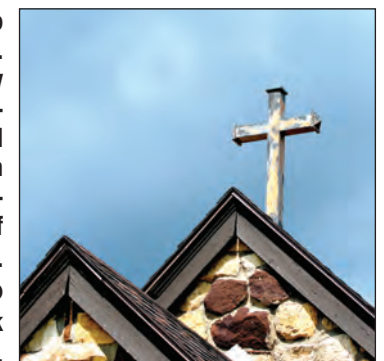
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ON THE COVER

The top of St. Andrew Episcopal Church northwest of Hays. Photo by Nick Schwien.



Message at the Top: Somebody we can turn to

What do we turn to in life? What are the rock solid things that we can trust? Sometimes it is a friend such as in the song “Something Just Like This,” but as they sing, it has to be something that is real—not just a fairy tale or something that is false or fake.

The lady in the relationship says, “Where d’you wanna go? How much you wanna risk? And the man in the relationship sings: “I’m not looking for somebody with superhuman gifts, some superhero, some fairytale bliss, just something I can turn to, somebody I can kiss. I want something just like this.”

In the world of human relationships, it is often another person. In the spiritual world, it is the whole thought of God and the presence of God in our lives. The man who was crucified with Jesus knew that

his life had not been a very good one. He had followed the wrong guide, and so he turned to the one person in his life that was to bring him happiness.

At Jesus’ crucifixion, one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us.” The

other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, “Have you no fear of God for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.” Then he

said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:39-43)

The important thing, perhaps, is that we have that Someone or something that is rock solid, that is something we can turn to, somebody that we can miss. We need the help of others or Other—capital O—to make it in the world that

we live in. We are not meant to be alone, although sometimes we have to be alone with ourselves to do some serious thinking.

But the point is a personal one: who or what should we turn to to help us as we go

through our lives. Christians have chosen to accept Jesus as the guide, the same one that the condemned man turned to on Calvary’s hill. Christians will say that they have turned to Jesus with their words and even actions as they go to Church, but the question is deeper. Has the Christian made Jesus the person that they honestly turn to as their sole resource in life?

You and I are Christian. We say we follow the Lord. We must look at the intensity of the good thief on Calvary, and ask ourselves whether we have the same strong desire to accept the Lord as he did.

Good and gracious God, we have placed our trust in you as our guide. You are the person that we turn to in times of trouble and despair. Give us the grace to always make you the guide that we need in our lives. Be with us, we pray.



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The old stone church

When Mrs. Anna Wilson stepped off the train in the center of Hays City in 1871, this town was wretched, dirty, and lawless. Drunkenness and disorder were commonplace. During her first year, 6 men were shot dead in the streets. There were no established churches, although a number of attempts had come and gone. Traveling preachers sometimes conducted Sunday services in Tommy Drum's Saloon, with a cloth thrown over the bar. As soon as the final benediction was spoken, the bar would raucously reopen. Anna Wilson, a lifelong Presbyterian declared, "This is what God wants" as she set out to establish a proper Presbyterian church in this Wild West town.

At 61 years of age, Anna Wilson was the oldest non-Native woman in the area. She became known through the area as Grandma Wilson, even though she had no grandchildren by birth. Her enduring legacy has been the First Presbyterian Church of Hays which she steadfastly championed; from the initial struggle to gather enough potential members to achieve a charter (7 women and 1 man), through the early meeting days in her front parlor (as the Church is people rather than a building), to her proudest accomplishment, dedicating the lovely, stone, First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Normal Avenue and Chestnut Street (now 7th and Main) in 1879. Interestingly, the first sermon preached there was given by the Rev. Levi Sternberg, whose descendants made the Sternberg Museum possible.

Anna Wilson came to Hays from Pennsylvania with her son Hill P. Wilson who had been hired on as the Fort Sutter or Trader. A widow at age 32, she supported the surviving 4 of their 7 boys as a school teacher in Pennsylvania. By the time she came to Hays, Anna



Wilson had lost 2 more sons in battle, in the war with Mexico and the Civil War. Her steadfast Presbyterian faith carried her through the many struggles and trials of her life and left her assured that between her and her God, there

were no obstacles they could not overcome together.

The early history of Hays is often told through its more scandalous residents; gunfighters, soldiers and brothel keepers. And yet, even on the edges of civilization, there were those who could see the potential for a strong community on the prairie built on values of faith, pride, and civic connection. Grandma Anna Wilson was one such resident: a woman of strong faith and unyielding

conviction. I have enjoyed sharing her story as part of this community's historical reenactments at Haunted Hays and the Hays Public Library

Grandma Wilson's legacy continues today. For 143 years, the First Presbyterian Church of Hays has been a committed and generous people of faith, dedicated to God made known through Jesus Christ, reflecting the love of God by loving and serving this community and the world. Our beautiful high roofed stone church home on Hall and 29th St. was designed by John Thorns, former chair of the FHSU Art Department whose father Rev. John Thorns pastored the Hays church from 1944 to 1952 when the Brick Church was its primary worship space.

At this point in our history, we are a G.I.F.T. (Generations In Faith Together) centered worshipping community, engag-

ing all ages together in worship, ministry, and service. We continue to serve our wider community in many ways including through the Center For Life Experience (CFLE): a Community of Hope and Healing. CFLE offers support groups for those dealing with painful life losses which are free and open to all. CFLE also partners with NAMI, PACT, Early Childhood Connections, and Northwest Kansas Stroke and Neuro Support Group to provide support and services for all of northwest Kansas.

The original Stone Church as well as the neighboring Brick Church, dedicated January of 1926, now serves as the home for the Ellis County Historical Society.

We remember our heritage as The Church of the Pioneers even as we look forward with hope and faith to what God has in store for us next.



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Past to present at Trinity Lutheran

Trinity Lutheran Church (Trinity) has a long tradition of being a congregation in Ellis County. Through the efforts of D.C. Nellis, Trinity was organized on November 10, 1878 by the Rev. A.J. Hartsock. The first services were held in the Union Sunday School schoolhouse, and had 47 members sign the first congregational constitution.

The first building was a frame chapel which measured 28'x40' with a small belfry that was finished in 1880.

It was located on the corner of 13th and Fort Street. On April 23, 1882, the church was



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incorporated under the name "Trinity Lutheran Church of Hays City, Kansas." However, on Aug 17, 1902 the church was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. When the new pastor, The Rev. C.F. Wiest arrived, he found the church in ashes. Nevertheless, Pastor Wiest went to work building the community back up.

Pastor Wiest also has the longest pastorate in Trinity's history. He served as pastor from November 7, 1902 until September 12, 1921, when he resigned. He resigned to accept the position of chair of the Philosophy and Religion Department at what is now known as Fort Hays State University (FHSU). Pastor Wiest was also named

Pastor Emeritus for life in gratitude of his work and labor as pastor for his 19 years of ministry. Wiest Hall, a dorm on FHSU's campus is named after Pastor Wiest, who tragically died in the flood of 1951.

The second church building after the fire was also located on the corner of Fort and 13th Street. And you are still able to see it, even though it is not being used a church. It is now the law office of Glassman, Bird, Brown and Powell, LLP. The stained glass windows of the church are still in the law office. The altar painting

from this building can still be seen in Trinity's current building. The altar painting of "Christ the Good Shepherd" was a gift from relatives of Mrs. Wiest, and it was the last painting of G.N. Malm, a well known artist from Lindsborg, KS.

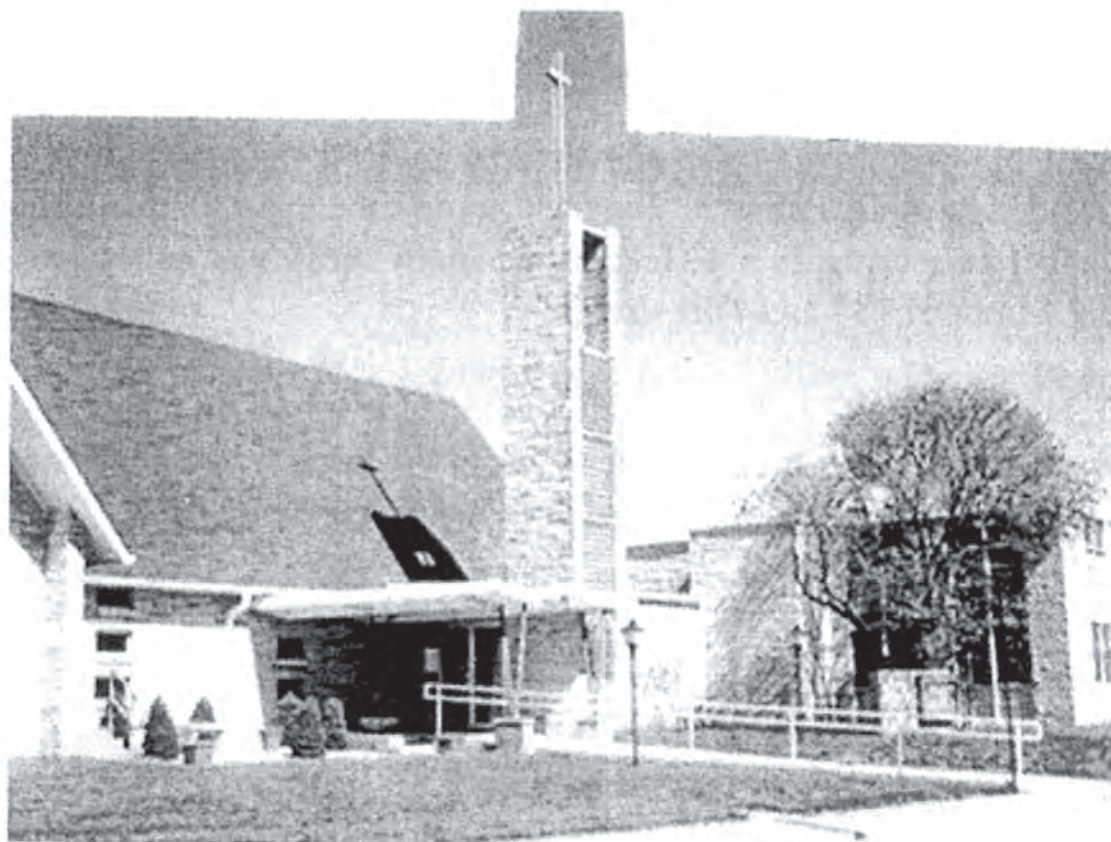
The current building to house Trinity was dedicated in 1965, and can be seen at 27th and Fort. I, The Rev. Marie Sager, am the 29th pastor in Trinity's long history of pastors, student interns, and interims. Lastly, Trinity is working to be an "action-based church, one that ventures out to meet the very real needs of our community." So if you see a Trinity member, ask how they are living into the history and the future of Trinity Lutheran Church.



1880 – 1902



1902 – 1965



1965 – Present

Trinity Lutheran Church Through the years

A DIFFERENT HELPING HAND

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When Christian Counselor Karen Eckhart decided to open her own practice in Hays, she said she didn't want it to look like an ordinary therapist's office. She wanted it to be "comfy, warm, homey."

So, walking into her office, clients will find a small dining room table, couch, and a rocking chair accented with calming artwork.

Another difference about Eckhart's office is its location—inside a Hays church. She opened Redeemed Counseling Services in March in the basement of CrossPoint Church, 1300 Harvest Road. However, there is no affiliation between the two entities other than the shared location.

Even still, the Rev. Micah Sanderson, pastor at CrossPoint, said the church's decision to house a Christian counseling service seemed natural. Eckhart and her husband, Jason, also are long-time church members, he said, and are "closely tied to who CrossPoint is, as a church."

Karen Eckhart has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Fort Hays State University and a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas.

While at ACU she practiced in the university's Marriage and Family Institute, which she said solidified her interest in marriage and family counseling.

After receiving her Master's, she worked three years at KVC Wheatland, a children's psychiatric hospital located in the Hadley Center in Hays. She said she had always felt God leading her to open her own Christian counseling service and finally decided to do so.

In her practice she "works to restore marriages, families, and individuals through God's grace and mercies." She works with both adults and children, individually and in a family setting.

Those whom she works with are dealing with grief, depression, anxiety, or addictions. Many of her clients have hurts or sins that have overtaken their lives, she said.

Sometimes in counseling sessions,



COURTESY PHOTO

Christian Counselor Karen Eckhart's office at 1300 Harvest Road in Hays.

she will ask her husband to sit in as a lay counselor in order to gain a male perspective. The two of them have felt God leading them to work together, she said, adding Jason will bring God's wisdom and his insights into the session.

Eckhart said the biggest difference between traditional types of counseling and Christian counseling is the latter "is faith based, allowing the Holy Spirit to move in a person's life. I bring in scripture and talk about where (the client) is at spiritually."

She said many states, including Kansas, have rules and regulations for licensed professionals that stipulate they cannot impose their faith or religious beliefs on others.

"If you don't follow these regulations, the client can file a complaint, and the regulatory board will investigate the complaint."

For this reason, Eckhart said, "I choose not to be licensed by the state. It's easier if I don't have the state hovering over me." Her practice uses the guidelines provided by the American Association of Christian Counselors. This association upholds traditional ethical standards such as confidentiality.

The group also says that scripture is holy and true, she said.

When Eckhart first opened her private practice, she sent letters to all churches in Ellis County to let pastors know about the services she was providing. But most of her clients have found her through word of mouth, she said, often being referred by a friend. Her fees are based on a sliding fee scale, ranging from \$40 to \$80, based on one's income and ability to pay.

She said she thinks there is a real need for Christian counseling in the Hays area. Pastors often simply lack the time to do in-depth counseling with their parishioners, or they may not feel they have had adequate academic training in counseling, Eckhart said.

Sanderson agreed. He said he and the other pastors at CrossPoint are not trained as professional counselors. "We can provide spiritual counseling," he said, "but there is a great need in Hays for more professional training and counseling."

Eckhart believes some Christians are hesitant about seeking treatment for mental health issues, as there is a stigma.

"Mental illness is in the church," Eckhart said. "We are a sick and needy people, and we need to understand who Christ is in our lives." She added that Jesus himself said he came to heal the sick, not the healthy. (Matthew 9:12)

The Bible has numerous examples of people who experienced mental illness, she said, pointing out that King David and King Solomon both experienced depression at certain times of their lives.

"By studying them, we see the hope that they found," she said.

Eckhart and her husband have had their own personal experiences with grief.

In September 2016, Karen was 37 weeks pregnant when a routine ultrasound revealed no fetal heartbeat. Later that night, their son Caleb was delivered stillborn.

"When I was going through the grieving process, I had to leave all my book knowledge outside my head and not even touch it, except God's word and prayer, in order to properly grieve."

NEWS TO KNOW

FIRST CALL FOR HELP HAS NEW HOME

The paint has dried; the dust has settled. As of Saturday, July 1, First Call for Help will be located in the new building it recently purchased at 607 E. 13th St. in Hays.

The 3,000-square-foot building will allow for more office and storage space, said Linda Mills, executive director. There are also plans in the future to build three small living units within the facility as transitional housing. There will be a central kitchen, but each unit will have a private bedroom and bathroom, Mills said. Currently, Ellis County has no type of homeless shelter.

First Call for Help is an agency that provides emergency assistance and referrals for those in need. Previously it was located in the Hadley Center.

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

DONATIONS BEING COLLECTED

First Call For Help is collecting donations for Backpacks for Kids to provide hundreds of children with school supplies for this coming school year. Needed supplies include:

- 3x3 Post-It Sticky Notes, small headphones/earbuds, combination locks, eight to 10-pack washable markers, 12-pack colored pencils, 24-pack crayons, glue sticks (no gel), one-subject wide-ruled and college-ruled spiral notebooks, 4-ounce white liquid glue, pocket folders, pointed scissors, large pink erasers, composition notebooks, wide-ruled and college-ruled notebook paper, tab index dividers, new backpacks (medium and large size), 1-inch three-ring binders, plastic school boxes/pencil bags, watercolor paints (primary colors), highlighters/dry erase markers, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant (for males and females), or cash donations.

Several area churches are collecting donations, or donations may be dropped off at the new location for First Call for Help, 607 E. 13th St.

If you know of a child who needs a backpack, you would like to help assemble and distribute backpacks, or you would like further information, call

(785) 623-2800. Backpack registration forms are available at www.firstcallelliscounty.com. Registration deadline is July 22.

Backpack distribution day is Aug. 3 for those who registered. Any remaining backpacks will be distributed at the Hays Armory, 200 Main St., on Aug. 4.

HAYS CITY BAND IN CONCERT JULY 4

The Hays City Band will be giving a free concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, at Historic Fort Hays, 1472 Highway 183 Alternate. The audience is encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

FOSTER CARE FORUM SLATED

St. Francis Community Services will be offering a Foster Care Forum from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, at 3000 Broadway in Hays (next to Orschlen).

Foster care professionals will discuss the current need for foster homes in Ellis County and the surrounding area, as well as the process for becoming a foster parent.

For more information, contact Marla Baumann at (785) 476-3234, ext. 6311.

COUNTRY MUSICIAN TO PERFORM

Country musician Jake Ryan of Hays will be performing patriotic songs at the Hays After 5 Christian Women's meeting on Monday, July 10. Ryan, who teaches in the Agriculture Department at Fort Hays State University, has been entertaining folks on his acoustic guitar since he was age 9.

The dinner program will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2250 E. Eighth St. Cost is \$12.50.

The featured speaker will be Constance Carman of Pryor, Okla., who will share a story of hope in her talk titled "A Pot of Gold." For years Carman said she chased the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Then she experienced the devastating loss of her husband and two children.

Reservations are due by Thursday, July 6 to nocheartnurse@yahoo.com or by calling (785) 202-1036. Hays After 5 is affiliated with Stonecroft Ministry of

Overland Park.

DATABASE TRAINING TO BE OFFERED

The Hays Homeless Coalition will hold its next meeting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, in the first floor conference room of the Hadley Center, 205 E. Seventh St.

Immediately following the meeting, free training will be offered to those interested in MAACLink, the Mid America Assistance Coalition software. Pam Meek, MAACLink system's administrator, will conduct the training for new users of the statewide database.

Linda Mills, executive director of First Call for Help in Ellis County, said, "Basically any non-profit organization providing services to low income, homeless or other vulnerable populations could use the software to track services with a family or individual regardless of where they are in the state of Kansas.

"It helps the organization see a history of services to determine further need, to assist in finding additional resources, and to reduce duplication of services."

Those wanting the training should bring a laptop with them and are asked to contact Meek at pmeek@maaclink.org.

5K TO BENEFIT CANCER COUNCIL

The Cancer Council of Ellis County, 701 Riley in Hays, is holding its "5th Annual Hit the Bricks 5K Run/Walk" on Saturday, July 22. Registration will take place from 6:15-6:45 a.m. at the check-in table at 10th and Fort Streets in downtown Hays. The run/walk begins at 7 a.m.

Registration is \$20 per person if received by July 17. After that, registration is \$25 per person. Those registering by July 10 will receive a free T-shirt.

Information and registrations forms are available at www.cancercouncilofelliscounty.com.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULED JULY 23

Hays and Ellis County are celebrating their 150th anniversary this year July 20-

23 with special events each day. In conjunction with the anniversary, the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance is leading a Community Worship Service beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 23, at Municipal Park, First and Main. The service will include representatives from many local churches.

The service will be followed by a free hot dog picnic sponsored by the city of Hays, a free swim day, inflatable bounce village, free visits to the Ellis County Historical Society Museum, and a demolition derby at the fairgrounds.

Re-enactors in costume from the Hays Community Theater will portray historical figures at Municipal Park during the community picnic.

For more information on the entire schedule of events, visit downtownhays.com or visithays.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

First Presbyterian Church, 2900 Hall St., is having a Cross+Gen Vacation Bible School for all ages from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 24-26.

The theme is "Get Geared Up for God." Each evening will start with a meal followed by music, prayer stations, and activities for all ages. Signup deadline is Friday, July 14. More information is available by calling Becky Rogowski at the church, (785) 625-2847.

JOB FAIR PLANNED FOR STUDENTS

Career Services at Fort Hays State University will be hosting its "3rd Annual Part-Time Job Fair" from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18, in the Memorial Union's Black & Gold Room on campus.

The free event is designed "to connect new first-year FHSU students to part-time employment opportunities on-campus and within the community," said Niki Dinkel in Career Services.

On-campus departments or community businesses and organizations wanting to participate are asked to contact Dinkel at careers@fhsu.edu or (785) 628-4260. She said space is limited, and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thankful for home

Happy Birthday Hays, Kansas! It has been a short 150 years since the founding of our fair city. If you have never taken the walking tour of the historic markers downtown Hays, you should put it on your list of summer events. It will give you a very interesting perspective of our founding history. Something to add to the walk, is a visit to the Ellis County Historical Society, which is housed in one of the early churches of Ellis County. The Society has additional narratives about the establishment of the churches in Ellis County. The Gospel of Jesus Christ has had a profound impact on our area; profoundly good.

The Gospel often follows trade routes and helps to establish order to violent and chaotic societies, which is exactly what Hays was. A few brave missionaries came to Hays



Bible Reading Plan

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knowing that without a moral presence, the future of our city may survive, but not thrive. Historically, without the Gospel, greed, fear, and corrupt power often serve to enslave people at the expense of others. But with the introduction of the love, mercy, faith, and justice of Jesus Christ into Hays, the town began to prosper. God is a good God –has been, and continues to be good to all of us.

Although the Gospel was introduced early in Hays' history, the responsibility of communicating it to following generations continues with us. One important element of that mission is the study of God's Word, and this month we have a lot of good things to study.

In our Old Testament readings we will continue through the writings of the

Prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah's messages are full of warnings, laments, and calls for repentance to a nation who has lost its way. The Israelites had forgotten what made them great, and began to drift from the Covenant that God had established with them. Let his words help us to examine our hearts as the Church of Hays. Are we remaining faithful to God in a nation which is seemingly drifting away from His ways? And, as Jeremiah was called to preach in his generation, we are also called to herald the message of God's love to our generation.

Our New Testament readings will continue through the Gospel of Luke. Luke is the first of a two volume narrative

(the second book is Acts) that communicates the life of Christ and the establishment of the New Testament Church. Read this narrative thoroughly, it is

very inspiring. Let the Holy Spirit turn you into a missionary to our fair city. Without your influence, your care, and your service, Hays could revert to the godless city that it was just a short 150 years ago.

I am thankful to call Hays my home, and I'm thankful to be standing on the shoulders of those who have preached the Gospel before me.

I'm mindful that a legacy of faith doesn't happen by accident; it happens intentionally. We should give thanks for the past 150 years, but more importantly we should make it a priority to proclaim and practice the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our lifetime. If we do, others can celebrate again in another 150 years — celebrate that the goodness of the Lord is experienced on the streets of Hays, Kansas.

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Eckhart, from 6

She believes the loss of her son has a purpose, and she refers to Romans 8:28: "God works for the good of those who love him." She said she has had several opportunities to share about her son and what God has done in her life.

Does she believe God is the source of illness?

She answered slowly and thoughtfully. "No, because that takes away from the fact that God is good and just. But God does allow bad things to happen to us. We live in a sinful world. He allows these bad things to happen because he knows the outcome for our lives. This gives way to our own personal testimony of faith."

Eckhart reflected on her own background. She grew up in Salina, and after high school she attended a religious college. She smiled ruefully and shook her head as she remembered flunking out her freshman year after she got into

the party scene. "I was kind of like the Prodigal Son, who wanted to see what the world had to offer," she said.

After flunking out, she moved back home and rededicated her life to the Lord.

Eventually she came to FHSU. In Hays, she started attending North Oak Community Church, became involved as a sponsor for their youth group, and was active in Campus Crusade for Christ on campus. She also met the man who would become her husband years later.

She is a firm believer in the healing and restorative powers of God. She begins and ends each counseling session in prayer. "I ask God to come in and intercede. I say, 'Let us listen to your plans.'"

Eckhart can be reached for appointments at (785) 643-0545 or at kar-en.l.eckhart@gmail.com.

A brief look at St. John's

Gathered from an article in "The Ellis Review" on Thursday, July 17, 1997 (Vol. 117 No. 3):

"The history of St. John's dates back to the spring of 1894, when Lutherans from Bukovina, Austria, settled around the Ellis community. At the beginning of the church gatherings, Rev. Genter from Russel would preach for them as his time would permit. In 1897, the congregation was officially organized under the leadership of Pastor



Opal Flinn

St. John Lutheran Church

Theodore Maier. The first services were held in the Methodist Church in Ellis on August 10, 1897. With a desire to have their own facilities, the congregation made the decision to build their own church seven miles north of Ellis. On June 12, 1898, the cornerstone was laid

for the church building, and in 1911, the parsonage was completed for a cost of \$1,490. On September 28, 1919, the church was severely damaged when it was struck by lightning. At that time, it was decided to construct a new building, as the old one had become too small for the growing membership. The new and present church was started in

September of 1920, and dedicated in July of 1921. The construction cost was \$20,000. The first baptism at

St. John was Elsa Elizabeth Ginther, on September 12, 1897; the first confirmation was Adam Ast on July 28, 1895; and the first marriage was Herman Heitman to Louise Egger on December 2, 1895. St. John's celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1997."

**St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church**

2901 E. 13th, Hays, Kansas, Parish Offices:

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Fax: (785) 623-4207, website: www.heartlandparishes.org

Fr. Jarett Konrade

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Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 PM

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Sunday Spanish Mass - 12 PM

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MWF 6:45 AM - TTh 8 AM Wednesday Spanish 6:30 PM

Reconciliation: Saturday 4 PM and Thursday 5 PM

Taking a tour through church history

By SAVANNAH DOWNING
sdowning@dailynews.net

It was a hot, windy day in early June, but inside Joe Hirsch's Sunflower State Tours bus, it was nice and cool as the tour made its way through rural Ellis County.

It was the first of five scheduled tours showcasing stone churches of Ellis County.

Hirsch, originally from Oberlin, lives in Hope, and teaches high school history classes during the school year.

A lover of history, this side business seemed a natural fit for Hirsch.

"I've traveled around the state my whole life," Hirsch said. "My dad was part of the Kansas State Firefighters Association. We went every month to a different place in Kansas, so mom would buy us tickets to museums and dad would take us all around. I fell in love with it."

In college, Hirsch began posting about his travels on Facebook. People started asking him what there was to see and do in a particular area.

When Hirsch and his wife, Nakita, were dating, they traveled almost every weekend seeing the different sights in Kansas.

"This last year, we just thought could this be something that could be a tour/education service?" Hirsch said. "So we bought the 14-passenger van. It's just me and my wife; we're not owned by anyone."

The Hirsches also have a 9-month-old son, Lane, who is considered part of the business.

Hirsch said his wife is his biggest cheerleader in this venture and she also does the books for the business.

"I do the driving, and I plan the tours," Hirsch said.

The Stone Churches of Ellis County tours are the first official tours Hirsch has done as part of his new business.

"We both grew up in Oberlin,"

Hirsch said. "So we both have this affinity for northwest Kansas. Out there, the big town is Hays, so I wanted to do a tour around Hays. There is so much to do in Hays."

While he wants to plan some other tours around Hays, he decided to focus on the churches first.

"People love going to those churches," Hirsch said. "Everyone always goes to Cathedral of the Plains — which is a beautiful church — but there are so many other ones that are breathtaking."

These particular tours feature the beautiful limestone churches of Victoria, Walker, Emmeram, Catharine, Munjor and Pfeifer.

A recent tour included an unplanned stop at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Vincent. The church will celebrate its 110th anniversary today.

"I love that I have the freedom to stop and alter the tour if we come across something worth seeing," Hirsch said.

There were six who attended the tours on Friday. Four came from Oberlin — including some members of Hirsch's own family — and two tourists came all the way from St. Charles, MO.

All were treated to lunch in Walker courtesy of St. Ann's Christian Mothers.

They had a lunch of brats, sauerkraut, traditional macaroni salad and rhubarb custard pie.

"It was delicious," said Anita Hirsch, Joe's mother.

Following their tour of the Basilica of St. Fidelis, the group ended their day with supper at The Library Bar and Grill in Victoria.

Anyone interested in signing up for the Stone Churches of Ellis County tours, can visit sunflowerstatetours.org or call Hirsch at (785) 470-7720. The next tour dates on the stone church tour are July 6 14 and 25.

Follow Sunflower State Tours on Facebook to keep up with the latest information.



Hirsch

Vacation Bible School



MAKER FUN FACTORY: CREATED BY GOD; BUILT FOR A PURPOSE!

When: July 10 to 14, Closing program July 16

Times: 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. (ages 3-entering 5th grade); 9 to 10 p.m. (entering 6th-12th grades)

Where: Hays Christian Church, 22nd & Marshall Road

Cost: No cost to attend, but save \$2 off your shirt if you register by June 19.

Ages: 3 years old thru High School (2 year olds are welcome if a parent stays with the child)

Register online at hayschristianchurch.org, or on the first night.

For more information, contact Lori Daniels, lori@hayschristianchurch.org, (785) 625-0094.



HERO CENTRAL: DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD!

When: - July 17 to 20,

Times: 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Hays First United Methodist Church, 305 W. 7th Street

Cost: No cost to attend

Ages: Nursery through fifth grade

Register online at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/haysfumc>

For more information, contact Jo Swayne at (785) 625-3408



MAKER FUN FACTORY: CREATED BY GOD; BUILT FOR A PURPOSE!

When: July 23 to 28

Times: 5:30 to 8:10 p.m., Supper Included

Where: Messiah Lutheran Church, 2000 Main Street

Cost: No cost to attend

Ages: 4 years through incoming fifth grade

Registration forms available at the church or online at messiahlutheranhays.com under the Info Center tab.

For more information, contact the church office at 625-2057 or email messiahsec@ruraltel.net



GOD'S SCIENCE LAB: EXCITING EXPERIMENTS TEACHING BIBLICAL TRUTH

When: July 24 to 28

Times: 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: First Baptist Church, 12th and Fort Street

Cost: No cost to attend

Ages: 4 years old through fifth grade

Register 625-9454 (may need to leave a message) or contact through www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-of-Hays-KS-189475207826824/



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