

# Church Chronicle

## November 2014

### **UNITED THANK OFFERING**

Thank you in advance for your giving to the UTO. Your generosity and support of UTO grants, which helps people achieve more thankful and better lives. Minnesota collected \$ 13,242.00 for the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 gatherings. Our UTO collection day will be Sunday, November 9. Please - if you write a check make it out to UTO, not our church. Please be generous for we all should be thankful and willing to help UTO projects.

Betty Loper, UTO Chairman  
Christ Church

# November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Women's Retreat 9 a.m. – 12 noon
2 Holy Eucharist 10 AM All Saint's Day	3 Yoga 10 AM	4 Audubon Grp. 7 PM Writer's Grp. 7 PM	5 Yoga 6 PM	6	7	8 Restorative Yoga 9 AM Humane Society Dinner – 6:30 PM
9 Holy Eucharist 10 AM	10 Yoga 10 AM	11 Prayer Grp. 4 PM  Writer's Grp. 7 PM	12 Yoga 6 PM	13	14	15 Restorative Yoga 9 AM
16 Morning Prayer 10 AM	17 Yoga 10 AM	18 Writer's Grp. 7 PM	19 Yoga 6 PM	20	21	22 Restorative Yoga 9 AM
23 Holy Eucharist 10 AM	24 Yoga 10 AM	25 Prayer Grp. 4 PM Writer's Grp. 7 PM	26  Thanksgiving Eve Service @ United Methodist 6 PM  Yoga 6 PM	27	28	29 Restorative Yoga 9 AM
30 Holy Eucharist 10 AM First Sunday in Advent						

**Father Henry's office hours in November:**

***Wednesday, Nov. 12 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.***

***Wednesday, Nov. 19 – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.***

***Wednesday, Nov. 26 – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.***

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

November 3  
Kennedy Josette Bryant

November 9  
Bev Jones

***\*\* Congratulations to Jake & Betty Loper on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Michael Maloney, born on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parents are Pat & Melissa Maloney.***

## SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

November 2 (All Saints Sunday)	Holy Eucharist
November 9	Holy Eucharist
November 16	Morning Prayer
November 23 (Christ the King)	Christ the King Liturgy
November 30 (Advent I)	Holy Eucharist

## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

*At 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, the United Methodist Church will host an ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service. The Rev. Mark Boorsma, Pastor of Ascension Lutheran, will preach. A time of fellowship follows the service. Will someone provide some bars of cookies for refreshments? If so, please include a gluten-free treat? Thank you very much. Those in attending the service may bring non-perishable items for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. The monetary offering will be divided between the Salvation Army and the Ecumenical Food Pantry.*

December 7 (Advent II)	Holy Eucharist
December 14 (Advent III)	Holy Eucharist
December 21 (Advent IV)	Morning Prayer
December 28	Holy Eucharist

## CHRISTMAS EVE

*Wednesday, December 24 at 5:30 p.m.  
Festive Holy Eucharist at Christ Church*

<b>November 2014 Readers:</b>			
	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
<b>Sun. Nov. 2</b>	Rev. Henry Doyle	Paul Johanson	Paul & Melissa Johanson
<b>Sun. Nov. 9</b>	Rev. Henry Doyle	Savile Lord	Phiz Olson
<b>Sun. Nov. 16</b>	Mark Jones	Bev Blakeslee	Bev Blakeslee
<b>Sun. Nov. 23</b>	Rev. Henry Doyle	Taylor Shaft	Phiz Olson
<b>Sun. Nov. 30</b>	Rev. Henry Doyle	Alicia Erickson	Jake Loper

## PLEDGES

Although we have been made to believe  
that if we let go we will end up with nothing,  
life reveals just the opposite:  
that letting go is the real path to freedom.  
Sogyal Rinpoche  
*Glimpse After Glimpse*

Throughout the year, the Vestry, Wardens, and Treasurer have acted fiscally responsible. Much has been done to stick to the budget. Essential and significant work has been done in and around the church at reasonable cost and paid in full. Thank you for faithfully fulfilling your pledges for the year. If you have fallen behind in making your pledge and if you are able to fulfill it, please do so by Sunday, December 28, 2014. We welcome pledges for 2015 to help us with our planning.

Blessings,  
Father Henry

## END OF THE YEAR DONATIONS

If you intend to make a financial contribution to the church before the end of the year, please put it in the offering plate no later than Sun, December 28, 2014, so that it is credited to your 2014 statement. If you mail in your contribution, please make sure that the postal service has postmarked the envelope by the date of December 31, 2014. We must adhere to government regulations, in order to maintain our non-profit status. Thank you very much.

### New Revised Common Lectionary – November 2014

<b>Sun. Nov. 2</b> <i>All Saints Day</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Revelation 7: 9-17 Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12
<b>Sun. Nov. 9</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Joshua 24: 1-3, 14-25 Psalm 78: 1-7 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 John 5: 24-27
<b>Sun. Nov. 16</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Judges 4: 1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30
<b>Sun. Nov. 23</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1: 15-23 Matthew 25: 31-46
<b>Sun. Nov. 30</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 64: 1-9 Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark: 13: - 24-37

## PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.  
Please feel free to attend these informal prayer meetings.  
Tuesday, November 11 – 4:00 PM  
Tuesday, November 25 – 4:00 PM

***The Albert Lea Cantori will present “Go Tell It On The Mountain”  
Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.***

***United Methodist Church  
702 Hwy. 69 South  
Albert Lea, MN (see attached flyer)***

From: Deacon John Sullivan  
**Jesus Freak** by Sara Miles

Christ Church has started a 5-week book study on the book, *Jesus Freak*, by Sara Miles. Please consider joining us every other week (November 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and December 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>). The following is a review of the book.

*“Sara Miles is the founder and director of the Food Pantry, and serves as Director of Ministry at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco. She is the author of *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion*. Here she explores what it means to her that Jesus has given us all the challenge of “being Jesus.” He gives us the power and presence to feed the hungry, to heal the sick, to forgive sins, and to raise the dead. Just as the disciples were astonished by this grace, so are modern day Christians. It is far easier to relax with our beliefs in Jesus than to be Jesus to our family, friends, co-workers, and strangers.”*

*A review from the website Spirituality and Practice*

Here is a schedule of our readings and discussions:

- Week 1: Introduction
- Week 2: Come and See - Feeding
- Week 3: Healing - Forgiving
- Week 4: Raising the Dead - Follow Me

### **Take note while you read of:**

- How did this move you?
- How did this trouble you?
- What questions did it inspire?
- What answers did it provoke?

Please consider joining us for this reading and discussion!

**\*\* Please note new church office hours.  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Please try to inform Cindi when there are prayer needs  
so she can include them in the weekly bulletins.  
If you are hospitalized, or know of someone in the congregation  
who is hospitalized, please contact the church office on T-TH, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
507-373-3188, or you can send an email to: [christch@q.com](mailto:christch@q.com)  
Thank You**

## **Our Vision**

**Where All Are Welcomed and Fed at the Table**

**CELEBRANT:** The Rev. Henry Doyle

**DEACON:** The Rev. John Sullivan

**DEACON EMERITUS:** The Rev. Jerald Loper

**SENIOR WARDEN:** Savile Lord

**JUNIOR WARDEN:** Paul Johanson

**DIOCESAN DELEGATES & REGIONAL REP.**

Paul Johanson

**TREASURER:** Joy Shaft

**VESTRY CLERK:**

**VESTRY:** *Peggy Havener, Jeff Shaft*

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