

Christ Church Chronicle

June, July & August 2015

DR. THEODORE “TED” MARSHALL GILL

January 7, 1924-May 10, 2015

On Wednesday morning, May 13th, we gathered at Christ Church to thank God for the life of Dr. Ted Gill, a longtime member of our parish. The hearts of the family were filled with gratitude for the wonderful man he was and how he had shaped their lives and values. At the request of the family, Father Henry read the notes of remembrance, which his family had written. Printed below are excerpts of some wonderful memories and life lessons.

LOVE DEEPLY

But if you're Norwegian you show this love rather than you saying it! Our Mom was his soul mate, and his love and dedication became even more apparent as he devotedly cared for her as she progressed with Alzheimer's disease. His love for his children was unconditional, and we admit we tested that. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, sharing his hunting and fishing skills and keeping up with their lives. Conversations always included the question, "How are the kids?"

LIVE COMPASSIONATELY

We remember sitting in the car in the "old" hospital parking lot most Sundays after church as he checked on patients; in the days when they stayed in the hospital far longer than today after surgery, and when he came home on surgery days smelling of ether.

We were fortunate and lived very comfortably, but Dad deeply ingrained in us that could be transient and was not truly important. The truly important things money could not buy – caring for family and friends, empathy for others, honesty, integrity, and spirituality were far more important. As was typical, his actions rather than his words taught us these important lessons.

BE RESPONSIBLE

As many in his generation, Dad's background included military service. Growing up we knew Dad had been a radio operator and waist gunner on a bomber in WWII and had reunions with his crew, but he never really talked about it. [A few] years ago, the son of his co-pilot, who had been actively involved in keeping that history alive, contacted Dad, who shared his story.

Dad enlisted when he was 19 years old in the all-volunteer Army Air Corps. He traveled all around the country to be trained, wryly commenting he was sent to Yuma, Arizona, in the summer, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in the winter. His crew was assembled and traveled together across the Atlantic on the Queen Mary to their air base in Debach, England. They were part of the 493rd Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force, flying 34 missions on their Flying Fortress B-17 named "SON-OF-A-BLITZ" over Belgium, France, and Germany. We learned of harrowing tales of flak damage, loosening all 4 engines which miraculously re-started, running out of fuel on the runway returning from a mission, and his kicking stuck bombs from the open Bombay door to name a few, and all such young men. Dad spent his 21st birthday on a mission to a marshalling yard in Germany. His crew regularly re-united, and Dad was the last surviving member. At home or the cabin, the American flag always flew.

Dad modeled and expected personal responsibility, too. We were far from exemplary children and felt supported when we erred, but faced the music when we did. We were not allowed to make excuses, for example, when appearing before Judge Sturtz for a speeding ticket after snow balling a police car and trying to escape. We believed Dad learned how to support us and hold us accountable because of personal experience as one of the "Little Rascals" of Appleton. Some of the exploits he admitted always seemed to involve his lifelong buddy and best man at his wedding, Tom Taylor – stealing the church communion wine as 8 or 9 year-olds, somehow managing to get Tom trapped under the church bell that was lowered for renovation, but not being able to get him out, or moving outhouses of neighbors.

Dad taught us early to be financially responsible. His eleventh commandment could have been “Thou shalt not buy on credit.” He opened individual checking accounts for us when we were young in junior high so we could learn early on to budget and be accountable. He must have really questioned that philosophy when Pete miss stepped and sent a check to order a spider monkey. Luckily, the order was cancelled before the monkey was shipped.

PLAY EXUBERANTLY

Growing up in rural Appleton, Minnesota, in the midst of the Lac Qui Parle wetland, as what is now being called a “free range” kid with a pet skunk and a pet sparrow hawk cemented his love of the outdoors. He had always loved fishing and hunting probably as much for the wonderful places he went as for the thrill of the catch and the savoring of the bounty.

LAUGH FREQUENTLY

We will fondly remember Dad for his wonderful sense of humor. He was famous for his one-liners, such as “God made very few perfect heads, the rest he covered with hair.” Much to the surprise of those who knew him professionally, he liked to be silly. His favorite sweatshirt, he wore until threadbare, bore the message: LUTEFISK, the piece of cod that passeth all understanding.

BELIEVE FAITHFULLY

As a lifelong Episcopalian, this church was a central part of Dad’s life. As long as he was able, he was actively involved in and regularly attended church. He was a man of quiet, but obvious faith. Norwegians don’t talk about that much either, but we always remembered to say grace before dinner and were led by the examples Dad set. Ted lived his faith daily by his compassion and kindness to others. There were no more special times than living the Christmas traditions at Ted and Sue’s house. Ted thanked the chaplain for his bedside prayers during his last days. His devotion to his faith showed through active involvement in church life and sustained him especially in some of the darkest moments – the death of our brother, John, and our Mom. His parting words to Mom were “Wait for me, I’ll be there with you.”

The lyrics of a Mumford and Sons song come to mind:

***In these bodies we will live, in these bodies we will die
And where you invest your love, you invest your life
Awake my soul
Awake my soul
Awake my soul
For you were made to meet your maker
You were made to meet your maker***

Today, we all remember and celebrate Ted and a life well lived with love invested in the right places. In his honor, take time to cherish his memory, say a prayer, and hug your loved ones. God bless us all...

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- *Interested in hosting a coffee! Please contact Cindi to give the date you can host. Just one dessert option is requested. Please help keep this tradition continuing. Great opportunity to visit with friends and make new ones.*
- *Update on motorcycle: By mid June the motorcycle should be on sale. More information to follow.*

- Many thanks to Gail and Joy for planting the flowers this year. It adds such a nice touch to the outside of the church.
- The congregation at Christ Church in Austin invites our congregation to attend “Dinner Church” with them the last Sunday in June (28), July (26) & August (30) at 5:30 p.m.

Correction: Gail Thurnau’s phone number is: 507-391- 1674

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Writer’s Group 7:00 p.m.	3 Yoga 6:00 PM	4	5	6 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
7 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	8 Yoga 6:00 PM	9 Prayer Grp. 4:00 p.m. Writer’s Group 7:00 p.m.	10 Yoga 6:00 PM	11	12	13 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
14 Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. <i>Cindi’s Recital 2 PM</i>	15 Yoga 6:00 PM	16 Writer’s Group 7:00 p.m.	17 Yoga 6:00 PM	18	19	20 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
21 Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.	22 Yoga 6:00 PM	23 Writer’s Group 7:00 p.m.	24 Yoga 6:00 PM	25	26	27 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
28 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	29 Yoga 6:00 PM	30 Writer’s Group 7:00 p.m.				

** Sunday, June 21st following service will be coffee time on MT's Memorial Patio; this will be followed by a quick library clean up, please stay to help dust our books! And enjoy being outside.*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 7 – Paula Paulson
June 11 – Tom Minehart
June 20 – Jason Blakeslee
June 26 – Joy Shaft

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

Please feel free to attend these informal prayer meetings.

Tuesday, June 9 & 23 – 4:00 PM - Tuesday, July 13 & 26 – 4:00 PM

Tuesday, August 11 & 25 – 4:00 PM

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Yoga 6:00 PM	2	3	4 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
5 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	6 Yoga 6:00 PM	7 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	8 Yoga 6:00 PM	9	10	11 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
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19 Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.	20 Yoga 6:00 PM	21 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	22 Yoga 6:00 PM	23	24	25 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
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**July 4th Concert at
United Methodist Church
Saturday, July 4 at 3:00 p.m.
(see attached flyer)**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

*July 7 – Betty Loper
July 9 – Jerry Blakeslee
July 10 – Joyce Lowman
July 13 – Jake Loper
July 18 – Danielle Bryant
July 29 – Savile Lord*

August 2015

Summer Book Read

* We will meet at 112 on Broadway on June 24th and July 8th at 5:30, for a drink and a read. Deacon John and his wife J will lead a small group discussion on “Heaven is for Real” by Todd Burpo. Please contact Savile if you would like to order a copy of the book. She will then let you know how much of the book to read before the first meeting. Please bring a friend to this event, no church affiliation is needed. Cost of book will be around \$10 – 12 each with shipping.

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
2 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	3 Yoga 6:00 PM	4 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	5 Yoga 6:00 PM	6	7	8 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
9 Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.	10 Yoga 6:00 PM	11 Prayer Grp. 4:00 p.m. Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	12 Yoga 6:00 PM	13	14	15 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 14- Mark Jones

**April's Vestry meeting was an opportunity for the vestry to get together with Amanda Ziebell-Finley, Missioner for Mission at the Diocese. We spoke at length about what each of the vestry members past in the Episcopal Church was and what it was we were looking for in terms of guidance from the Diocese. As the active members in our church continues to decrease, this is an important conversation to have. Following the meeting the vestry voted on continuing forth with Amanda for an unspecified period in monthly meetings where we work together as a congregation to help discover our churches mission and look into what our future holds. We will be approaching members of the congregation to possibly help in this discovery process and welcome feedback from any and all! We have no idea what this experience will bring us, but we pray for guidance and open discussion.*

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

June 7	Holy Eucharist	July 5	Morning Prayer	Aug. 2	Morning Prayer
June 14	Morning Prayer	July 12	Holy Eucharist	Aug. 9	Holy Eucharist
June 21	Morning Prayer	July 19	Holy Eucharist	Aug. 16	Holy Eucharist
June 28	Holy Eucharist	July 26	Holy Eucharist	Aug. 23	Morning Prayer
				Aug. 30	Holy Eucharist

A FEW THINGS ABOUT OUR SUMMER AT CHRIST CHURCH

1. At Sunday worship, we are using alternative forms of the Eucharist and Morning Prayer from *Enriching Our Worship*, which "contains texts intended to be explorations for the development of liturgical materials reflective of the diversity of the Church."
2. Also, at Sunday worship, we will sing hymns from *The Hymnal 1982* and *Wonder, Love and Praise*.
3. Please attend and participate in Sunday worship throughout the summer at Christ Church.
4. Please keep current with your financial pledge to the parish, so that Christ Church remains solvent.

5. If you are away from home on a Sunday, please join a faith community in worship. Bring the bulletin to us, for Father Henry likes to read the various bulletins. Thank you very much.

6. Remember to pray for our parish and for all faith communities in Albert Lea and Freeborn County.

May the Spirit empower us to share Christ's light and love amidst all people.

Gratefully and lovingly yours,
Father Henry

June 2015 Readers:			
	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
<i>Sun. June 7</i> HE	Rev. Henry Doyle	Paul Johanson	Paul Johanson
<i>Sun. June 14</i> MP	Mark Jones	Bev Blakeslee	no greeter needed
<i>Sun. June 21</i> MP	Jeff Shaft	Savile Lord	no greeter needed
<i>Sun. June 28</i> HE	Rev. Henry Doyle	Taylor Shaft	Phiz & Russ Olson

July 2015 Readers:			
	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
<i>Sun. July 5</i> MP	Gail Thurnau	Bev Blakeslee	no greeter needed
<i>Sun. July 12</i> HE	Rev. Henry Doyle	Paul Johanson	Paul Johanson
<i>Sun. July 19</i> HE	Rev. Henry Doyle	Savile Lord	Joyce Lowman
<i>Sun. July 26</i> HE	Rev. Henry Doyle	Mark Jones	Phiz & Russ Olson

August 2015 Readers:			
	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
<i>Sun. Aug. 2</i> MP	Gail Thurnau	Taylor Shaft	no greeter needed
<i>Sun. Aug. 9</i> HE	Rev. Henry Doyle	Paul Johanson	Paul Johanson

Sun. Aug. 16 HE	Rev. Henry Doyle	Savile Lord	Joyce Lowman
Sun. Aug. 23 MP	Mark Jones	Bev Blakeslee	no greeter needed
Sun. Aug. 30 HE	Rev. Henry Doyle	Jeff Shaft	Phiz & Russ Olson

New Revised Common Lectionary – June, July & August 2015:

Sun. June 7-1st Reading -1 Samuel 8:4-20,11:14-15, Psalm 138, 2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Gospel – Mark 3: 20-35

Sun. June 14 -1st Reading – 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13, Psalm 20, 2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Gospel – Mark 4: 26-34

Sun. June 21 - 1st Reading - 1 Samuel 17:1, 4-11,19-23, Psalm 9:9-20, 2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Gospel – Mark 4: 35-41

Sun. June 28 - 1st Reading – 2 Samuel 1:1,7-27, Psalm 130, 2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Gospel – Mark 5: 21-43

Sun. July 5 -1st Reading – 2 Samuel 5:5, 9-10, Psalm 48, 2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 – Gospel – Mark 6: 1-13

Sun. July 12 – 1st Reading – 2 Samuel 6:15,12b-19, Psalm 24, 2nd Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14, Gospel – Mark 6:14-29

Sun. July 19 – 1st Reading – 2 Samuel 7:1-14, Psalm 89:20-37, 2nd Reading – Ephesians 2:11-22, Gospel – Mark 6:30-34,53-56

Sun. July 26 – 1st Reading – 2 Samuel 11:1-15, Psalm 14, 2nd Reading – Ephesians 3:14-21, Gospel – John 6:1-21

Sun. Aug. 2 – 1st Reading – 2 Samuel 11:26—12:13, Psalm 51:1-13, 2nd Reading – Ephesians 4:1-16, Gospel – John 6:24-35

Sun. Aug. 9 – 1st Reading – 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33, Psalm 130, 2nd Reading – Ephesians 4:25-5:2, Gospel – John 6:35,41-51

Sun. Aug. 16 – 1st Reading – 1 Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14, Psalm 111, 2nd Reading – Ephesians 5:15-20, Gospel – John 6:51-58

Sun. Aug. 23 – 1st Reading – 1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43, Psalm 84, 2nd Reading – Ephesians 6:10-20, Gospel – John 6:56-69

Sun. Aug. 30 – 1st Reading – Song of Solomon 2:8-13, Psalm 45:1-2,7-10, 2nd Reading – James 1:17-28, Gospel – Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

COMMUNITY EVENTS

*Salad Luncheon at First Lutheran Church, Bethany Hall
 Friday, June 12 – Serving between 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$7.00. Proceeds will benefit the Stained Glass Window Fund.*

Deacon at Christ Church

The Old Testament reading from Sunday Lectionary for the Second Sunday after Pentecost is Genesis 3: 8-15. This story tells us the sad story of God finding Adam and Eve hiding in the garden. They had eaten from the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and realized they were naked and feared God. This passage tells us of the consequences of their disobedience. It's not a pleasant story. It's heartbreaking.

Recently the Mower county Human Rights Commission showed a film about Human Trafficking that highlighted the sex trade. This was a difficult video to watch. It was uncomfortable and heartbreaking. The video told the story of the destructive effects of childhood sexual violence, poverty, and drugs on the lives of young women who are sold, and sell themselves for sex.

After the video we heard a panel of three women who work in various agencies, including law enforcement, that deal directly and indirectly with this issue in our area. It was frightening to find out that the sex trade and all its tangential behaviors is not merely a problem for large urban areas or places far away from us, but that it lies hidden in our small and relatively quiet towns, in our neighborhoods, and down the street or around the corner from restaurants and businesses that we frequent. The video and discussion afterwards really brings home the need for us to be more aware and active in our communities and neighborhoods. That we together with many others have a sacred calling to somehow bring an end to this and other practices.

The passage in Genesis begins with this poignant scene, "The man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze..." God still walks throughout our communities and in our neighborhoods seeking those who are hidden and those who are lost. The Spirit of God compels us to serve Christ in these poor souls sold into slavery. May we work with the Spirit of God in this worthy effort.

Thanks be to God,
John

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 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

TREASURER: Joy Shaft

VESTRY CLERK:

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