

Christ Church Chronicle

October 2015

Francis of Assisi *Brother of the Poor*

One of the boldest and most spirit figures in history, it is a shame that Francis is sometimes dismissed as simply a quiet “bird-watcher.” Actually, he was an outspoken and controversial “social activist.” He was one of the greatest preachers of all time. His concern with poverty and ecology gave him a strikingly modern quality. Although he was a wealthy cloth merchant’s son, he gave all he had to help the poor and was content with only the barest necessities for himself. He vigorously opposed the abuse of political power, particularly when the Pope abused his authority.

Francis effectively initiated sweeping social and economic reforms. He rejected all violence as an offense against the gospel commandment of love and a sign of disrespect of God’s image in all human beings.

Francis had a vivid sense of the sacredness of creation. All things, whether living or inanimate, reflected the Creator’s love and thus one was to have reverence and wonder for all creation. In this spirit, Francis, known also for his singing, composed the hymn, *Canticle to Brother Sun, Sister Moon*.

Francis founded one of the strongest and most dynamic religious orders in Christianity. Today, we find Franciscan monks and nuns in the Roman Catholic and Anglican communions.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sources:

Saints Galore: Character Sketches For The New Calendar of Saints
Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
4 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals	5 Yoga 10:00 a.m.	6 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	7 Yoga 6:00 PM	8	9	10 Women's Retreat 9:00 a.m.
11 Vestry mtg. 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	12 Yoga 10:00 AM	13 Prayer Grp. 4:00 p.m. Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	14 Yoga 6:00 PM	15	16	17 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
18 Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.	19 Yoga 6:00 PM	20 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	21 Yoga 6:00 PM	22	23	24 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
25 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	26 Yoga 6:00 PM	27 Prayer Grp. 4:00 p.m. Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	28 Yoga 6:00 p.m.	29	30	

October Birthdays

October 8 – Jeff Shaft
October 18 – Paul Johanson

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, October 13 & Tuesday, October 27

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

October 4	Holy Eucharist
October 11	Holy Eucharist
October 18	Morning Prayer
October 25	Holy Eucharist
November 1	Holy Eucharist (All Saints Day)
November 8	Holy Eucharist
November 15	Morning Prayer
November 22	Holy Eucharist (Christ the King) (Patronal Feast)
November 29	Holy Eucharist (Advent I)
December 6	Holy Eucharist (Advent II)
December 13	Holy Eucharist (Advent III)
December 20	Holy Eucharist (Advent IV)
December 24 at 5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (Christmas Eve)
December 27	Holy Eucharist (Christmas I)

October 2015 readers:				
	<i>Lay Reader</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Chalice</i>
Sun. Oct. 4 - HE	Father Henry Doyle	Jeff Shaft	Shaft family	Jake Loper
Sun. Oct. 11 - HE	Father Henry Doyle	Savile Lord	Savile Lord	Gail Thurnau
Sun. Oct. 18 – MP	Gail Thurnau	Mark Jones	no greeter needed	
Sun. Oct. 25 – HE	Father Henry Doyle	Jeff Shaft	Russ & Phiz Olson	Jeff Shaft

New Revised Common Lectionary – October 2015

Sun. Oct. 4 – 1st Reading: Job 1:1,2:1-10; Psalm 26; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12,
Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16

Sun. Oct. 11 – 1st Reading: Job 23:1-9,16-17; Psalm 22:1-15, 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16,
Gospel: Mark 10: 17-31

Sun. Oct. 18 – 1st Reading: Job 38: 1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104: 9-25, 37b; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-10
Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45

Sun. Oct. 25 – 1st Reading: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34: 1-22; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28,
Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

WE HOST THE THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

This year, it is our turn to host the Thanksgiving Eve Service. At 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening, November 25th, our friends from Ascension Lutheran Church and the United Methodist Church of Albert Lea will be our guests at the service.

The Rev. John Mitchem, the new pastor of the United Methodist Church, will preach. We need two ushers.

A time of fellowship follows the service. We will need to provide bars, cookies, and beverages for the social hour. Let us also remember to include some gluten-free treats.

Those attending the service may bring non-perishable items for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. We will divide the monetary offering between the Salvation Army and the Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Please save the date for this service and arrive at 5:30 at the church so that we can welcome our friends.

Thank you very much!
Father Henry

Community Events

*Soup & Pie Meal at **Trinity Lutheran Church – October 8***

501 S. Washington

Serving times: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Adults \$ 8.00

Children 3-10 - \$ 3.00

Under 3 – FREE

Grace Lutheran Church

A discussion led by Pastor Luther Dale and Alan Anderson.

*Sunday, **October 11 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.*

Our beautiful, little blue planet. Our home; Our life support system.

We are upsetting Earth's balance.

Come and hear about the science of climate change. Our question:

How should Christians respond to the challenges of Climate Change?

Our kids' and grandkids' futures depend on how we respond in the present.

First Presbyterian Church

308 Water Street

Single Moms

Join us Wednesdays as we seek a better way of life for our children and ourselves.

Real Women, Real Struggles, Real Faith.

This Program is open to the public: mothers and their children birth to 5th grade.

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. dinner served at 5:30 for moms & children

For more information contact Pennie: 507-383-9104

Choose Civility – The Power of Words
October Events

Thurs. Oct. 8 – Domestic Violence Awareness Community Candlelight Vigil
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at New Denmark Park

Sat. Oct. 10 – Annual Blessing of the Animals – 10:00 a.m. at Frank Hall Park

Sat. Oct. 17 – Tea with Family & Friends at 2:00 p.m. at Freeborn County Historical Museum
Call Senior Resources at 377-7433 to make a reservation.

Sun. Oct. 25 – Be Kind to Animals with R.A.D. Zoo
2:00 p.m. at the Albert Lea Public Library

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:

VESTRY: *Peggy Havener, Jeff Shaft*

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