

Christ Church Chronicle

February 2016

NEVER AGAIN

- I. NEVER AGAIN will I confess, “I can’t”, for “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13
- II. NEVER AGAIN will I confess lack, for “My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19
- III. NEVER AGAIN will I confess fear, for “God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.” II Timothy 1:7
- IV. NEVER AGAIN will I confess doubt and lack of faith, for “God gives to each of us the measure of faith.” Romans 12:3
- V. NEVER AGAIN will I confess weakness, for “The Lord is the strength of my life” Psalm 27:1 and “The people who are loyal to their God shall stand firm and take action.” Daniel 11:32
- VI. NEVER AGAIN will I confess supremacy of Satan over my life, for “The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” I John 4:4
- VII. NEVER AGAIN will I confess defeat, for “God in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession.” II Corinthians 2:14
- VIII. NEVER AGAIN will I confess lack of wisdom, for “God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God...” I Corinthians 1:3
- IX. NEVER AGAIN will I confess sickness, for “By his bruises we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5, and “He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.” Matthew 8:17
- X. NEVER AGAIN will I confess worries and frustrations, for I “cast all [my] anxiety on him, because he cares for [me].” I Peter 5:7. In Christ, I am “care-free”!
- XI. NEVER AGAIN will I confess bondages, for “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” II Corinthians 3:17. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit!
- XII. NEVER AGAIN will I confess condemnation, for “There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1 I am in Christ, therefore I am free from condemnation.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	3 Yoga 6:00 PM	4 "Spirits & The Holy Spirit" Discussion & Fellowship at The Interchange 5:30 p.m.	5	6 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
7 Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING	8 Yoga 10:00 a.m.	9 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m. Mtg. With Amanda from Diocese – 5:30 p.m.	10 Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 p.m. Yoga 6:00 PM	11	12	13 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
14 Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	15 Yoga 10:00 AM	16 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	17 Lenten Service @ Ascension 11:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Yoga 6:00 PM	18	19	20 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
21 Vestry mtg. 9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	22 Yoga 10:00 a.m.	23 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	24 Lenten Service @ Ascension – 11:00 a.m. Christ Church – 7:00 p.m. Yoga 6:00 PM	25	26	27 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
28 Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.	29 Yoga 10:00 a.m.					

February Birthdays

Craig Havener – February 19
Peggy Havener – February 21

From the Senior Warden

We are continuing our meetings with Amanda from ECM. Following our last get together she requested that we attempt to do two things to help try things that are outside our normal worship practices. The first was a dinner Church which we celebrated on a super snowy day at the beginning of January. This event was a wonderful success for the church with other churches in the area showing interest in attending. Our next event, Spirit with the Holy Spirit in early February will be an opportunity to try a discussion type event outside the walls of the church. I hope that everyone who is available will try and come. Savile

Please keep me in the loop

Far too often, you might hesitate to inform me of your desire/need for pastoral care, because you do not want to bother me. On the contrary, you are not bothering me when you inform me of a major illness, yours or a loved one's illness. Because of privacy issues and regulations, staff at hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities will not contact me. You, a family member, or a close friend must contact me, if you have a pastoral need.

507-334-3742 (home)

507-491-2695 (personal cell) (no reception in the office at school; leave a message)

507-333-1651 (office at SSM School) Messages go to my e-mail account.)

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Thank you. Be blessed and strengthened...

Father Henry

**The Annual Meeting of the Parish
Sunday, February 7, 2016**

At 10:30, we will have the celebration of the Holy Eucharist,
followed by the annual meeting.

Instead of a potluck, we will have pizza, juice, and coffee.

Let us be intentional in giving our time, hearts, and minds to God
and our companions in the faith

Hours before the Super Bowl, we will have ended the meeting.

Thank you.

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

February 7 (Annual Meeting)	Holy Eucharist
February 14 (Lent I)	Holy Eucharist
February 21 (Lent II)	Holy Eucharist
February 28 (Lent III)	Morning Prayer
March 6 (Lent IV)	Holy Eucharist
March 13 (Lent V)	Morning Prayer
March 20 (Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday)	Holy Eucharist
March 27 (Easter Day)	Festive Eucharist
April 3 (Easter II)	Holy Eucharist
April 10 (Easter III)	Morning Prayer
April 17 (Easter IV)	Holy Eucharist
April 24 (Easter V)	Holy Eucharist
May 1 (Easter VI)	Holy Eucharist
May 8 (Easter VII)	Morning Prayer

May 15 (The Day of Pentecost)
May 22 (Trinity Sunday)
May 29

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WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS AT 5:30 P.M. AT CHRIST CHURCH

February 10 (Ash Wednesday)
March 24 (Maundy Thursday)
March 25 (Good Friday)

Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
Maundy Thursday Liturgy
Good Friday Liturgy

LENT 2016

Our friends at the United Methodist Church of Albert Lea have decided not to participate in the rotation of Lenten services. The people and clergy of Ascension Lutheran Church and Christ Episcopal Church will meet at 7 in the evening the following Wednesdays for a series services on prayer:

February 17	Ascension Lutheran Church
February 24	Christ Episcopal Church
March 2	Ascension Lutheran Church
March 9	Christ Episcopal Church
March 16	Ascension Lutheran Church

If you are unable to attend the Wednesday evening services, you may attend the 11 o'clock service every Wednesday morning at Ascension Lutheran Church. You are welcome to stay for the soup lunch after the service.

After each evening service, fellowship hour takes place. On February 24th and March 9th, we will need to provide bars/cookies and coffee. On March 9th, we will host a soup supper before the service.

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SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, February 4 th	Spirit and the Holy Spirit Event 5:30 p.m. at The Interchange
Sunday, February 7 th	The Annual Meeting of the Parish 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
Tuesday, February 9 th	Parish Meeting with Amanda Zirbell-Finley 5:30 p.m. @ Christ Church
Wednesday, February 10 th	Ash Wednesday Liturgy (<i>Gail Thurnau – Lector & Greeter</i>) 5:30 p.m. @ Christ Church
Wednesday, February 17 th	Lenten Service 7 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran Church
Sunday, February 21 st	Vestry Meeting 9:15 a.m. @ Christ Church 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, February 24 th	Lenten Service 7 p.m. @ Christ Church We host fellowship hour, after the service

Wednesday, March 2nd **Lenten Service**
7 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 9th **Soup Supper & Lenten Service**
5:45 p.m. @ Christ Church (Supper)
7:00 p.m. @ Christ Church (Worship)

Wednesday, March 16th **Lenten Service**
7 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 20th **Vestry Meeting**
9:15 a.m. @ Christ Church
10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

Thursday, March 24th **Maundy Thursday Liturgy**
5:30 p.m. @ Christ Church

Friday, March 25th **Good Friday Liturgy**
5:30 p.m. @ Christ Church

Sunday, March 27th **Easter Day Liturgy**
10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church

February 2016 readers:				
	<i>Lay Reader</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Chalice</i>
Sun. Feb. 7 – HE	Rev. Henry Doyle	Paul Johanson	Paul Johanson	Betty Loper
Sun. Feb. 14 – HE	Rev. Henry Doyle	Mark Jones	Phiz Olson	Mark Jones
Sun. Feb. 21 – HE	Rev. Henry Doyle	Savile Lord	Savile Lord	Jake Loper
Sun. Feb. 28 – MP	Jeff Shaft	Taylor Shaft		

New Revised Common Lectionary – February 2016

Sun. Feb. 7 – 1st Reading: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; **2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2;
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

Sun. Feb. 14 – 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; **2nd Reading:** Romans 10:8b-13;
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Sun. Feb. 21 – 1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; **2nd Reading:** Philippians 3: 17—4:1;
Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Sun. Feb. 28 – 1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8; **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13;
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

December 2015 Vestry meeting

Joy presented the budget for November. It looks like we will make our budget for the year. This past month the yard work was done with leaves removed and some extra cleaning supplies purchased.

Jeff moves to approve the budget as proposed, Peggy seconded. All approved

Going forward into 2016 the Diocesan assessment will increase to \$900.00 a month. Joy will work into budget.

Munchkin work is all done.

Invitations will be sent to Christ Church Austin for our dinner church, both invitations to the congregation and Austin should have an RSVP so we have a head count.

Savile presented minutes from November Vestry Minutes. Jeff approves November minutes as amended, Peggy seconded.

Ascension has been in contact with us and they have chosen to move to one service at nine o'clock. We will move ours to ten thirty because of this change. We will revisit in ninety days. Will be effective January 3rd. Will have to do something about sign in front of church.

The following Vestry members will assist this change: Savile will work on telling tribune, Paul will work on sign, Jeff will

communicate with Ascension, Peggy will have website changed.

Next meeting with Amanda will be February 9th at five thirty.

We need to check in with Cindi about lights, and whether or not they are working right.

Discussion began as to the raises for the church staff. Further discussion will occur at the next Vestry meeting. All potential raises are contingent on our budget for next year. We need to find out what Cindi's salary is.

Next meeting will be Jan 24th at 9am.

"Let's Get Acquainted"

I am kicking off the "Get Acquainted" notes for the newsletter. When I was in 6th grade I decided that I wanted to be a church musician. I was very much influenced by the young deaconess at our church who had just graduated from Valparaiso University with a church music degree. She directed the children's choir that I sang in and accompanied and was a very gifted organist. Thanks to her inspiration and influence I have been able to follow my dreams and have been a church organist since I was in 9th grade. I started piano lessons when I was 5, organ lessons when I was 13, and studied church music as a student at St. Olaf College.

You perhaps wonder how my week goes. Monday mornings I start with studying the scripture readings for the following Sunday, or for the weeks and church season ahead. I check and see what hymns the worship and music committee has selected for Sunday and then I select the hymns for the worship at Christ Episcopal church where I also play the organ. Then I choose the organ or piano selections appropriate for the Sunday theme and lectionary readings and prepare the information for the bulletins for each church. During the week I practice and do the organ registrations at each of the churches.

I have worked at Christ Church two times for a total of 35 years! I have played at Ascension 2 times, once in the early 1960's and this last time for 5 years. I am grateful that Christ Episcopal and Ascension Lutheran have been able to arrange their worship times on a trial basis so I can continue to play at both churches. As an active and long-time member of the American Guild of Organists, I say "Soli Deo Gloria!" To God alone is the Glory!

Gail Thurnau

No Prayer Group until further notice

Please try to inform Cindi when there are prayer needs so she can include them in the weekly bulletins. Contact the church office on T-TH, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 507-373-3188, or you can send an email to: christch@g.com Thank You

Our Vision

Where All Are Welcomed and Fed at the Table

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Henry Doyle

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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