

# Christ Church Chronicle

## December 2016 & January 2017

### **Excerpt from the *Prayer for the Human Family***

God, look with compassion on the whole human family;  
take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts;  
break down the walls that separate us;  
unite us in bonds of love;  
and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth...

**The Book of Common Prayer, p. 815**

I pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire and encourage us to respect the dignity of every human being. Each day, we journey with quite a wide range and immense number of human beings on this earthly pilgrimage. Let us treat one another right; let us care about and love one another; let us have compassion and prayers for one another.

We people of the earth are fallible; we far too often mistreat one another. When I have been unkind, disrespectful, intolerant, insensitive, and rude, I have felt awful. I confess to God and ask for forgiveness; I confess to the one whom I have offended and ask for forgiveness. I want and need to live in harmony with God and all people.

### **Excerpt from the *Prayer for Social Justice***

God, grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart; that the barriers dividing us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease;  
and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace...

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 79**

## December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Funeral for Nancy VanderWaerd 1:00 p.m.
<b>4</b> 9:30 Book Study <b>9:30-10:15</b> Confirmation Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	<b>5</b> Yoga 10:00 a.m.	<b>6</b> Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	<b>7</b> Yoga 6:00 PM	<b>8</b> "Christmas Lunch" (Clemencia) 11:30 a.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. Book Study Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.	<b>12</b> Yoga 10:00 AM	<b>13</b> Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	<b>14</b> Yoga 6:00 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
<b>18</b> 9:30-10:15 Confirmation Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	<b>19</b> No Yoga	<b>20</b> Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	<b>21</b> No Yoga	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve Service</i> 6:00 p.m.  No Yoga
<b>25</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b> No Yoga	<b>27</b> Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	<b>28</b> No Yoga	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> No Yoga

**December Birthdays**

**December 11 – Carmen Morley**

**December 15 – Phiz Olson**

**December 20 – Tanner Shaft**

**December Anniversaries**

**December 27 – Craig & Peggy Havener**

**December 29 – Jerry & Bev Blakeslee**

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> New Year's Day Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	<b>2</b> No Yoga	<b>3</b> Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	<b>4</b> No Yoga	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
<b>8</b> 9:30- 10:15 Confirmation Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	<b>9</b> Yoga 10:00 a.m.	<b>10</b> Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> Yoga 6:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
<b>15</b> Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.	<b>16</b> Yoga 10:00 AM	<b>17</b> Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	<b>18</b> Yoga 6:00 PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Women's Retreat 9:00 a.m.
<b>22</b> 9:30- 10:15 Confirmation Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	<b>23</b> Yoga 10:00 AM	<b>24</b> Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	<b>25</b> Yoga 6:00 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
<b>29</b> Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	<b>30</b> Yoga 10:00 a.m.	<b>31</b> Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.				

**January Birthdays**

**January 10 – Taylor Shaft**

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

At 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Saturday, 24 December 2016, we will have the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at Christ Church. I invite you the parishioners, your guests (relatives, friends, and neighbors), visitors to Albert Lea and the surrounding region, the interested and inquisitive to the festive liturgy. I very much look forward to our worship on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Father Henry

## **SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH**

December 4	Holy Eucharist (Advent II)
December 11	Morning Prayer (Advent III)
December 18	Holy Eucharist (Advent IV)
December 24	Festive Christmas Eve Eucharist at 6:00 p.m.
December 25	No Service
January 1	Holy Eucharist (Feast of the Holy Name)
January 8	Holy Eucharist (Baptism of Our Lord)
January 15	Morning Prayer
January 22	Holy Eucharist
January 29	Holy Eucharist
February 5	Holy Eucharist (Annual Meeting)
February 12	Morning Prayer
February 19	Holy Eucharist
February 26	Holy Eucharist (Last Sunday after Epiphany)
March 5	Holy Eucharist (Lent I)
March 12	Morning Prayer (Lent II)
March 19	Holy Eucharist (Lent III)
March 26	Holy Eucharist (Lent IV)
April 2	Morning Prayer (Lent V)
April 9	Holy Eucharist (Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday)
April 16	Festive Eucharist (Easter Day)
April 23	Holy Eucharist (Easter II)
April 30	Holy Eucharist (Easter III)
May 7	Holy Eucharist (Easter IV)
May 14	Morning Prayer (Easter V)
May 21	Holy Eucharist (Easter VI)
May 28	Holy Eucharist (Easter VII)
June 4	Holy Eucharist (The Day of Pentecost)
June 11	Holy Eucharist (Trinity Sunday)

June 18  
June 25

Holy Eucharist  
Morning Prayer

**New Revised Common Lectionary – December 2016:**

**Sun. Dec. 4:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15:4-13; Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12.

**Sun. Dec. 11:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:4-9 or Canticle 3 or 15; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5:7-10; Gospel: Matthew 11:3-11.

**Sun. Dec. 18:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 1:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25.

**Sat. Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Titus 2:11-14; Gospel: Luke 2:1-14, (15-20).

**Sun. Dec. 25 – Christmas Day – No Service**

**New Revised Common Lectionary – January 2017:**

**Sun. Jan. 1:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11; Gospel: Luke 2:15-21.

**Sun. Jan. 8:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 10:34-43; Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17.

**Sun. Jan. 15:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-12; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; gospel: John 1:29-42.

**Sun. Jan. 22:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23.

**Sun. Jan. 29:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12.

**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 important 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 Wednesday, December 28, 2016. We welcome pledges for 2017 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 Sunday, 18 December 2016, so that it is credited to your 2016 statement. If you mail in your contribution, please make sure that the postal service has postmarked the envelope by the date of 31 December 2016. We must adhere to government regulations, in order to maintain our non-profit status. Thank you very much.

## **DEADLINES**

Please submit all reports for the **Annual Meeting Booklet** no later than **10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2017**. Thank you.

Please submit all articles for the **February 2017** issue of the newsletter no later than **10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 26, 2017**. Thank you.

## **The Annual Meeting of the Parish** **Sunday, February 5, 2017**

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.

## **Nancy VanderWaerdt**

Nancy VanderWaerdt died on November 17, 2016, in Rochester, with her son Gregg at her side, while they listened to Mozart. Until her move to Rochester, for health reasons, Nancy had been an active and faithful participant in the life of Christ Church, Albert Lea. The Eucharistic rite of burial for Nancy will take place at 1:00 on Saturday afternoon, December 3, 2016, at Christ Church. Father Henry will preside, and Father Jim Young, former rector of Christ Church, will preach. After the liturgy, the family invites everyone to a reception, which will feature Nancy's favorite cake.

The visitation will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2016, at Bonnerup Funeral Home; and at the church one hour before the service.

We thank God for giving Nancy to us, as a companion on our earthly journey. May Nancy rest in eternal peace and rise in majestic glory. Let light perpetual shine upon her; through God's grace and mercy.

May God bless and strengthen Nancy's beloved son, Gregg; her grandsons, Ethan and Isaac; her mother, Janet Mehlum; her sisters, Jane Uzzell and Marcy Cook; and other loved ones.

Instead of a burial, Nancy will donate a memorial park bench by Fountain Lake, so friends and family can visit her and enjoy the view. Condolences may be sent to 5512 Leslie Lane SW, Rochester, Minnesota 55902. In

lieu of flowers, the family asks that if you make a monetary donation, please write it our for Alzheimer's research. Thank you. Nancy's son, Gregg, plans to continue the tradition of helping others by running a charity fundraiser at the New York City Marathon in 2017.

Finally, the family asks that in honor of Nancy that you participate in some of the things about which she was very passionate. Read to a child, volunteer to help your community, become a mentor, or help out a friend. Lastly, please write your U.S. Representative and your U.S. Senators. Ask them to increase funding for Alzheimer's research. No one as wonderful as Nancy ought to die so early, from a very terrible disease, when one has clearly more to give to the world.

***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.

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**Thank you. Be blessed and strengthened...Father Henry**

**\*\*For security reasons, the door, which leads to hallway where the offices are located, must be closed when no authorized person is in the building. If you are the last person in the building, please close the door. The reason is that if an unauthorized person enters the church through the outside door that leads directly to the offices, he or she would not gain access to the parish hall or worship space upstairs. Thank you for helping us keep the church safe for all involved in the life of our beloved parish.**

**Father Henry**

**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@q.com](mailto:christch@q.com)**

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**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:**

**TREASURER:** Joy Shaft

**VESTRY CLERK:**

**VESTRY:** *Peggy Havener*