

Christ Church Chronicle

March 2017

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever and ever in the next.

Amen.

(prayer attributed to Reinhold Neibuhr, 1892-1971)

March 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Sun						
			1 Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 p.m. Yoga 6:00 PM	2	3	4 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
5 Confirmation 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	6 Yoga 10:00 a.m.	7 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	8 Yoga 6:00 PM <i>Lenten Services @ Ascension 7:00 p.m.</i>	9	10	11 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
12 Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.	13 Yoga 10:00 AM	14 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	15 Yoga 6:00 PM <i>Lenten Services @ Christ Church 7:00 p.m.</i>	16	17	18 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
19 Confirmation 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	20 Yoga 10:00 AM	21 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	22 Yoga 6:00 PM <i>Lenten Services @ Ascension 7:00 p.m.</i>	23	24	25 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
26 Vestry mtg. 9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	27 Yoga 10:00 AM	28 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	29 <i>Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ 7:00 p.m. @ Christ Church</i>	30	31	

March Birthdays

March 16 – Samantha Jean Erickson
 March 20 – Bev Blakeslee & John Selvig
 March 23 – Russ Olson

March Anniversaries

March 20 – Phiz & Russ Olson

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

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	Holy Eucharist
June 25	Morning Prayer
July 2	Morning Prayer
July 9	Holy Eucharist
July 16	Morning Prayer
July 23	Holy Eucharist
July 30	Morning Prayer

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

March 1 (Ash Wednesday)	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
April 13 (Maundy Thursday)	Maundy Thursday Liturgy
April 14 (Good Friday)	Good Friday Liturgy

LENT 2017

We - 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 of services on the generosity of God:

March 8	Ascension Lutheran Church
March 15	Christ Episcopal Church
March 22	Ascension Lutheran Church
March 29	Christ Episcopal Church
April 5	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 four of the five evening services, fellowship hour takes place. On March 15th, we will host the fellowship hour, for which we will need to provide bars/cookies and coffee. On March 29th, we will host a soup supper before the service.

At each service, the offering is designated for the Albert Lea Ecumenical Food Pantry and the Salvation Army. We also welcome the donation of non-perishable items for the food pantries.

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SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, March 1st	Ash Wednesday Liturgy Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist 5:30 p.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church
Sunday, March 5th	Confirmation Class 9:30 a.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church The Great Litany & Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church
Wednesday, March 8th	Lenten Service 7 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 12th	Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church
Wednesday, March 15th	Lenten Service 7 p.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church
Sunday, March 19th	Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church
Wednesday, March 22nd	Lenten Service 7 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 26th	Vestry Meeting 9:00 a.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church
Wednesday, March 29th	Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church
Sunday, April 2nd	Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church
Wednesday, April 5th	Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 9th	Confirmation Class 9:30 a.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church
Thursday, April 13th	Maundy Thursday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church
Friday, April 14th	Good Friday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church Laundry Love 6:30 p.m. @ Laundromat TBD
Sunday, April 16th	Easter Day Liturgy 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Episcopal Church

New Revised Common Lectionary – March 2017:

Sun. Mar. 5 – 1st Reading: Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7; Psalm; 32 2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19; Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11.

Sun. Mar. 12 – 1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; 2nd Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; Gospel: John 3:1-17.

Sun. Mar. 19 – 1st Reading: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-11; Gospel: John 4:5-42.

Sun. Mar. 26 – 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14; Gospel: John 9:1-41.

Vestry Minutes – January 29, 2017 - Financial report - We will request for increase from \$6,000 to \$8,000 per month from the Foundation to help us remain solvent. This is due to the aging of building. \$4,468.50 in building use was given to the church. We were \$1,000 short of \$9000 goal in pledges. Non-pledge payments was at \$8500. We need about \$4000 dollars to cover bills we have at this very moment.

Jeff moves to pay the church insurance, Christianson Plumbing, Schumacher Elevator, out of Youth Acct. Savile seconded. He then moved to pay the other amount of about \$1300 in Diocesan assessment from the \$1700 we got from Clemencia’s April retreat. Jeff moved Peggy seconded.

Budget for 2017 - Savile will go to Mark and the foundation to ask for the additional money. Between covering our extra bills and building maintenance, an aging furnace is all causes as well as the extra pay periods. Mike Murtaugh has been added to the foundation to replace Jerry Blakeslee. Jeff moved to pass budget for 2017 and Peggy seconded. Passed by all.

Jeff moved to the have members of the foundation whose terms had not expired to be reappointed to the foundation for the 2017 year. Peggy seconded. Passed by all.

Annual meeting - Father Henry will be meeting with Pastor Boorsma about the lent services. He will know more in a few weeks.

Savile gave an update on the mission of elected bodies, the mission area teams, and the mission area gatherings. Savile brought up the issue of the Junior Warden and how we can better handle when issues arrive, as Tom Minehart cannot come as regularly. Peggy has offered to help when her cast comes off.

Lights in front of church. Peggy will call Dennis about getting a second bid estimate. Savile will get Peggy the notes from Albert Lea Electric’s bid. Savile asked about use of church for a friend of Clemencia. Vestry is okay. Clemencia will let them in and lock up after.

Savile asked about empty bowls or dinner church events. Vestry decided to hold off until after Lent. Wednesday April 26th was a date that was decided would work. Next Vestry meeting will be March 26th. Meeting Adjourned.

Notes by Savile Lord

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 5, 2017
Christ Episcopal Church - Albert Lea, Minnesota**

In attendance: Peggy Havener, Kenneth Johnson, Savile Lord Johnson, Bev Jones, Mark Jones, Betty Loper, Jake Loper, Mike Murtaugh, Phiz Olson, Russ Olson, Jeff Shaft (by phone), Joy Shaft, Taylor Shaft, Gail Thurnau, Fr. Henry Doyle.
Friends in attendance: Leo Aeikens, Sara Aeikens, Kim Barr

After the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we gathered in the parish hall for a substantial meal: Casey’s breakfast pizzas, fresh veggies with ranch dip, white brownies, and beverage. The Shaft family generously covered the cost of the pizzas, and Savile the cost of the dessert.

Shortly before 12 Noon, Savile called the meeting to order. Father Henry prayed for the guidance of the Holy Spirit

amongst us during the meeting. Savile apologized for not having found the minutes of last year's annual meeting. Father Henry stated he would take the minutes of this year's meeting.

Joy Shaft, Treasurer, gave the financial report. On the income side of the 2016 Budget, \$9,000 had been proposed; \$8,131.56 was the actual amount. \$500 had been proposed in non-pledge payments; \$8,922.56 was the actual amount. On the disbursement side of the 2016 Budget, \$2,500 had been proposed for building maintenance; the actual amount spent was \$5,358.42. \$1,500 had been proposed for ground maintenance; the actual amount was \$2,105.15. \$2,000 had been proposed for janitorial expenses; \$3,094 was the actual amount. \$10,500 had been proposed for utilities; fortunately, \$7,223.24 was the actual amount. The 2016 proposed budget had total income at \$88,130.00 and total disbursement at \$109,369.06. This meant that the budget had a deficit of \$21,239.06. The 2016 actual budget had total income of \$94,516.84 and total disbursement of \$100,250.63. This meant that the budget an actual deficit of \$5,733.79. Peggy Havener made the motion to accept the financial report; Jeff Shaft seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Joy Shaft, Treasurer, presented the 2017 Proposed Budget: Income at \$110,010.00 and Disbursement at \$110,949.75. The Foundation agreed to increase its monthly contribution to the church. In 2016, the Foundation had contributed a total of \$72,000.00; in 2017, the total will amount to \$92,000.00. Questions were raised about our need for a parish secretary and for Sunday bulletins. Savile and Father Henry presented sound reasons for having both. There was also a question about the need for us to worship in our present physical space, given the constant decrease in the number of active parishioners. Savile responded that in the spring she hoped that we would have further discussion about the church. Back to the budget, Mark Jones made the motion to accept the 2017 Proposed Budget; Jake Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mark Jones gave the report of the Christ Episcopal Church General Memorial Fund. On December 19, 2015, the Fund had a balance of \$8,158.79. During 2016, \$20.00 had been received in memory of Margie Murtaugh. On December 21, 2016, the Fund had a balance of \$8,182.00. Mark Jones also gave the report of the Christ Episcopal Church Foundation. The Vestry appointed Mike Murtaugh to replace Jerry Blakeslee for the term expiring December 31, 2019. For health reasons, Jerry did not wish to be re-appointed as a trustee.

The Foundation approved the \$20,000 increase in its annual contribution to the Church. In 2017, the Church will receive \$92,000.00. Savile Lord gave the report on the Southeast Minnesota Mission Area. The focus had continued to be on San Jose Obrero Mission and on three area gatherings. Savile reported that she served as a representative to the Elected Bodies of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

Betty Loper did not make an oral report on the altar guild since she had nothing to add to the printed version. Thanks to Betty and Joy Shaft for their dedication and diligence to the altar guild! Savile gave her report as Senior Warden. She expressed concern about our not having a Junior Warden. She thanked all for their commitment to Christ Church.

Father Henry gave a very brief report, since all could read his lengthy report printed in the annual meeting booklet. Most of his remarks focused on the ongoing service of the Senior Warden, two Vestry members, and the Treasurer, whom he thanked. Shortly after one o'clock, the meeting adjourned with Father Henry's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Father Henry Doyle

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2017 Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

Hunger is still a problem in Minnesota. One in ten Minnesota families experiences food insecurity. Let us join other faith communities, businesses, and organizations in the movement to end hunger. Please bring non-perishable food or monetary donations to worship services. Our local food shelf can stretch each

donated dollar through access to low-cost products. All food and money raised stay locally. Thank you for your caring and compassionate participation in the March Campaign.
Father Henry

BUILDING & GROUNDS

We have had an unexpected and highly costly expense. We had to replace the Munchkin. The new efficiency boiler, which sits on the wall, cost \$6,058.57. This amount includes the installation costs. The treasurer and the vestry will explore ways for us to pay the bill for this essential and important purchase.
Father Henry

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.) Henry.Doyle@s-sm.org

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

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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@g.com

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:

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