



# Christ Church Chronicle

MAY 2021

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a Spirit of power and love and a sound mind. –  
2 Timothy 1:7*



## A Spirit of Love

In the spring 2005, I had chest pains periodically. Since I would undergo my annual wellness exam in mid-June, I decided to wait until the exam to inform my longtime primary care physician. During the exam, I did not say anything to Dr. Johnson about the chest pains. After the exam, I went to the lab for whatever he had wanted done. While there, I said, “I forgot to tell Dr. Johnson about the pains in my chest.” I went back and talked with Kari, his longtime nurse. Dr. Johnson ordered a stress test, which led to other tests. On the last Tuesday of the month, I received the message to make an appointment with the cardiologist, who was at Allina Clinic Faribault most Wednesdays. Sometime Wednesday morning, I called to make the appointment, but there were no openings. Since I was leaving on Friday morning, June 30<sup>th</sup>, for Colorado, I would wait to see the cardiologist upon my return home. Within half an hour, I received a call from the Clinic: “Dr. Orlandi will see you today.” [I later learned my internal medicine doctor, Brandt Merrild had said to the Dr. Orlandi, “You will see him today.”]

Dr. Orlandi scheduled me for the procedure on Friday morning, June 30<sup>th</sup>, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. Delta Airlines did not require any

paperwork to re-schedule the trip to Colorado Springs. A very good friend drove me to Abbott. The time of the procedure changed from morning to early afternoon. My friend, Father Jim Zotalis, waited with me until the one of the surgical nurses came for me shortly after 12:45. [Jim waited for me to go into one of the recovery rooms. After a while, I told him it was okay for him to return home to Faribault.] This young man had recently moved from Colorado Spring to the Cities. I said to him, “I was supposed to be landing there about now.” As the cardiac surgeon walked in the room, the nurse said to him, “He’s from where you grew up.” Before he could say anything, out of my mouth came this question: “Are you the son of A.M. and Lorraine Lips?” He replied, “Yes, but mother died.” I said, “I know.”

Because of some blockage, Dr. Daniel Lips put in two stents. He asked me if he could tell his father about the surgery. “Of course, you can.” Before Abbott released late Saturday morning, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Dr. Lips visited me. He said, “My father told me you had done Art Voge’s funeral. [Art had died at the age of 99.] He said you looked fine and did a real nice service.”

I had not had the most restful night. Thanks be to God I was alive and on the mend. My extended family member, Kelly Frankenfield, and a good friend, Mary Holton, picked me up and drove me home, where I complied with the orders for at-home care.

I had never worried or panicked. I trusted God to take care of me, one of his beloved children.

My physician and others could not believe I had had heart disease. I was an anomaly. I had had no high blood pressure, had never smoked, had occasionally drunk red wine, and had had no issue with cholesterol or weight. Some maternal and paternal relatives had died from heart-related illness.

Fast forward to five years, minus one month: May 2010. On Tuesday, I had felt some chest pains; late Wednesday afternoon, I had some chest pains as I drove. I decided to the Clinic. To my surprise, Dr. Lips was the cardiologist and he saw me immediately. After he had examined me, he scheduled me to be his first patient on Friday morning at Abbott Northwestern.

Father Jim Zotalis drove me to Abbott, where I was Dr. Lips' first patient of the day. Jim waited through surgery. After I had been in the recovery room for a while, Jim felt comfortable leaving, and I

was glad he left before 11 o'clock. My overnight stay was not as difficult as the one five years ago. Dr. Lips visited me and said I would be on Plavix the rest of my life. My extended family member, Mike Frankenfield, picked me and drove me home, where recovery continued smoothly and uneventful.

I do not worry. I trust God. I know and feel God's love for me. God takes excellent care of me. God loves me, and I love God.

- **Fr. Henry Doyle**

## A Loving, Liberating, Lifegiving God

"A spirit of Love" makes me stop and think about our church family. It reminds me that love is a remarkable thing, and one that we share with those in our circle here at Christ Episcopal. We Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I can only imagine what on earth that means to each of you when we witness a time of such hate. It begs us to pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus. Jesus was love. Like the disciples, we are called by Jesus to follow the Way of Love, to follow his spirit. With God's help, we can turn from the powers of sin, hatred, fear, injustice,

and oppression toward the way of truth, love, hope, justice, and freedom. This past week has been another one that has defied the meaning of love and helped us think otherwise. So I beg that you show love in some way or another in the weeks to come, even if it means you step outside of your comfort zone and demonstrate that spirit of love. We need to show the love to build the love, that is lacking in places all over the world. It has been so nice to see more and more and more of you at church! Please know that through each of your individual struggles, we pray that your pain is eased and remind you that love eternal prevails.

- **Savile Lord, Senior Warden**



## Reflections – A Spirit of Love

*This a regular feature of the Chronicle where members and friends of our community can share their own reflections and thoughts.*

The first time I went to live in Egypt, I was on board a ship from Venice to Alexandria. I was traveling to a country where I did not know the language or its customs. Indeed, I did not even know how to get to my destination once I docked! On the three-day journey across the Mediterranean, I was befriended by an Egyptian Muslim man named Muhammed. He was an unusually tall and big man for an Egyptian, towering over my 6'2" height. We had some great spiritual discussions.

When we arrived in Alexandria, he decided that it was his mission to take care of me and get me safely to my destination, which was five hours

up the Nile from Cairo by train. He guided me through customs, got me on a bus from Alexandria to Cairo, and put me up in a hotel room with him near the train station. For two days he showed me around the city.

One night, he came back to the hotel room late and collapsed on his bed, clearly in pain. I was sitting up in my bed reading the Bible. I switched off my light. But then he quickly turned around and said, "You turn on your light and read your Bible. This is why I like you. Your God comes first!" It turned out he had had a car accident in Europe and was returning to Egypt to be with his family. In all that he was doing for me, he had been in serious pain.

The next day we had lunch on the roof of the hotel and the noon call to prayer sounded from the minarets. His eyes filled with tears and he said, "I know I am a bad Muslim. But I do love God." Later that day, he took me to the train station, bought my ticket and accompanied me to the platform.

I turned to him and shared with him something Jesus said: "If anyone gives you so much as a cup of cold water, because you belong to me, he shall not lose his reward."

Right there on the train station platform, this giant of a man broke down and wept like a child. I have always been grateful that one of the most significant displays of a Christ-like Spirit of love that I have ever experienced came from a Muslim, not a Christian. As Pope Francis has said, "There is no such thing as a [Christian] God. There is just God."

- George Favell

## It's Greek To Me – *A Single Eye!*

Among the handful of statements of Jesus that are rather perplexing, one that stands out is from Matthew 6:22-23, which reads in the New Revised Standard Version, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!" The translators of this version decided not to interpret this passage literally, but rather give it a built-in interpretation, in an attempt to 'clarify' what Jesus possibly meant. In the King James Version, it translates it more literally: "If thine eye be *single*". But either way, what in the world did Jesus intend to convey here. What is a 'single' or 'healthy' eye?

The word here that is being translated as 'single' or 'healthy' is *ἁπλοῦς* – haplous'. The word basically means single or simple. Interestingly, it also means a piece of fabric that has no folds in it; it is simple, plain and

## A Man Worth Following

I stand and marvel  
At the glory of god  
To have made us in his image  
Yet each of us unique  
With choices given  
As stones upon which we mold ourselves  
With the will for compassion and villainy  
We draw breath into vessels of flesh  
And draw blood to bitter ends  
Appeals for clemency  
For our immaterial essence  
That which carries the stain of transgression  
Cleansed in Atonement  
If not by deity  
Then by a man worth following

- Daniel Montenegro



uncomplicated. The word appears only three times in the New Testament: in Luke in the same passage as above, and in Romans 12:8: "he that giveth, with *simplicity*" (KJV).

It is unlikely that Paul means you should give with 'soundness' or 'with health'. What ties the two passages together is this concept of simplicity. It is particularly intriguing to think of this idea of having no folds or complications – nothing that breaks your clear sight-line.

Perhaps we can gain an insight if we interpret Jesus as saying something like this: "How you see things determines how much light you experience. If you can learn to see things (people, situations, possessions, relationships) with the simplicity and uncomplicated attitude of faith, your life will be filled with light." Or, in other words, *HOW* you choose to experience life is more important than *WHAT* happens to you. With the eyes of faith, one can always find the light, and the simple path, in all things.

- George Favell

## Worship Schedule

### May Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 2, 2021	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	11:15-11:45 a.m.	Drive-In Communion
Sunday, May 9, 2021	10:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)		
Sunday, May 16, 2021	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)		
<i>Vestry Meeting</i>	9:15 a.m.	
Sunday, May 23, 2021	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
The Day of Pentecost		
Sunday, May 30, 2021	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Trinity Sunday		

## Bible Quiz - Who Am I?

*This is a fun Bible quiz that we hope will be a regular feature in the Chronicle! Look for the answer embedded somewhere in the Chronicle! The answer will be in parenthesis!*

Sex: male

His name means: "Gift of Yahweh"

His work: had a contract to extract tariffs from his own people

His character: successful businessman whose life and vocation changed drastically when he met Jesus

His sorrow: alienated from his own people by either profession or vocation

His joy: changed from a visible character in his community to quietly serve Jesus

Key scripture: Matthew 9

Who am I?

- Chris Boyce

*"Our heart is imprisoned by our selfishness or fears, and it is we who need to change, to learn how to love, letting ourselves be transformed by the Holy Spirit; that is the only way of escaping our fear of confinement." – Fr. Jacques Philippe*



# New Revised Common Lectionary Sunday Readings

Eucharist Lectionary – Year B

Daily Office Lectionary – Year 1

2-May	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8	Psalm 22:24-30
9-May	Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17	Psalm 98
16-May	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19	Psalm 1
23-May	Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14	Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Psalm 104:25-35, 37
30-May	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17	Psalm 29 or Canticle 13 (or Canticle 2)

**Priest-in-Charge:** The Rev. Henry Doyle  
**Senior Warden:** Savile Lord  
**Junior Warden:** Kenneth Johnson  
**Vestry:** Peggy Havener, Jeff Shaft  
**Organist:** Gail Thurnau  
**Treasurer:** -Joy Shaft  
**Parish Secretary:** George Favell

## Fr. 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.



## Prayer

*Be happy in your faith at all times. Never stop praying. Be thankful, whatever the circumstances may be. If you follow this advice you will be working out the will of God expressed to you in Jesus Christ. – I Thessalonians 5:18 – (JB Phillips translation)*



## Meditation Prayer - Prayer for Mission – BCP, page 101

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.



## Christ Episcopal Church May Birthdays

3 - Barb Trow

22 - Samuel Paulson

30 - Tucker George Bryant

## Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of May - please pray for all academic graduates, for all educational institutions, and for the specialized chaplaincies in those institutions. Remember especially ECMN's School for Formation, Breck School and Shattuck-St. Mary's and their chaplains, University Episcopal Community and all those who work with campus ministries.

### 5 EASTER (May 2)

ST. PHILIP'S (Feast of Ss Philip & James, May 1) Rice Lake

### 6 EASTER (May 9)

ASCENSION

Stillwater

### 7 EASTER (May 16)

LA MISION EL SANTO NINO JESUS

St. Paul

### PENTECOST (May 23)

HOLY APOSTLES

St. Paul



## Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer

1 May 2021	The Diocese of British Columbia, The Anglican Church of Canada
2 May 2021	The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
3 May 2021	The Diocese of Central Buganda, The Church of the Province of Uganda
4 May 2021	The Diocese of West Buganda, The Church of the Province of Uganda
5 May 2021	The Diocese of Buhiga, The Anglican Church of Burundi

6 May 2021	The Diocese of Bujumbura, The Anglican Church of Burundi
7 May 2021	The Diocese of Bukavu, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
8 May 2021	The Diocese of Bukedi, The Church of the Province of Uganda
9 May 2021	The Anglican Church of Kenya
10 May 2021	The Diocese of Bunbury, The Anglican Church of Australia
11 May 2021	The Diocese of Bungoma, The Anglican Church of Kenya
12 May 2021	The Diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara, The Church of the Province of Uganda
13 May 2021	The Diocese of Busan, The Anglican Church of Korea
14 May 2021	The Diocese of Busoga, The Church of the Province of Uganda
15 May 2021	The Diocese of Central Busoga, The Church of the Province of Uganda
16 May 2021	The Anglican Church of Korea, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
17 May 2021	The Diocese of Butare, The Anglican Church of Kenya
18 May 2021	The Diocese of Butere
19 May 2021	The Diocese of Buye, The Anglican Church of Burundi
20 May 2021	The Diocese of Byumba, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
21 May 2021	The Diocese of Calabar, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
22 May 2021	The Diocese of Calcutta, The (united) Church of North India
23 May 2021	The Anglican Church of Melanesia
24 May 2021	The Diocese of Caledonia, The Anglican Church of Canada
25 May 2021	The Diocese of Calgary, The Anglican Church of Canada
26 May 2021	The Diocese of California, The Episcopal Church
27 May 2021	The Diocese of Northern California, The Episcopal Church

28 May 2021	The Diocese of Cameroon, The Church of the Province of West Africa
29 May 2021	The Diocese of El Camino Real, The Episcopal Church
30 May 2021	La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (Bible Quiz answer: Matthew)
31 May 2021	The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn, The Anglican Church of Australia



## Training Opportunities Coming Up in June!

We will be offering Eucharistic Minister training on Sunday, June 6 and Lay Reader training on Sunday, June 13. More information about these opportunities will be forthcoming!



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### Weekly Sunday Bulletin

Please get all items for the following Sunday to George Favell (Church Office) by **10am Tuesdays**.

# May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 The Apostles St. Philip and St. James
2 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Holy Eucharist Drive-in Eucharist	3 Yoga - 10am and 6pm	4 Office open - 10am to 2pm  Book Club - 6pm	5	6 Office open - 10am to 2pm	7	8
9 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday) - Morning Prayer	10 Yoga - 10am and 6pm	11 Office open - 10am to 2pm	12	13 Ascension Day  Office open - 10am to 2pm	14	15
16 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension) - Holy Eucharist <i>-Vestry Meeting - 9:15am - SPRING CLEAN-UP - AFTER SERVICE! 11:15 - 12:15pm</i>	17 Yoga - 10am and 6pm	18 Office open - 10am to 2pm  Book Club - 6pm	19	20 Office open - 10am to 2pm	21	22
23 Pentecost Sunday - Holy Eucharist	24 Yoga - 10am and 6pm	25 Office open - 10am to 2pm	26	27 Office open - 10am to 2pm	28 Ember Day	29 Ember Day
30 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday - Holy Eucharist	31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  Yoga - 10am and 6pm					

## MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETINGS –

### *February 7, 2021*

Present: Father Henry Doyle, Savile Lord, Jeff Shaft, Peggy Havener, Joy Shaft, Kenneth Johnson

Father Henry opened the meeting in prayer. The financials were reviewed. Nothing surprising. We did not do \$350 in outreach, so that will be removed. Jeff moved to approve the financial report and Peggy seconded. All approved.

Technology 9 came and did some work to help us with our computer. We will wait until the remainder of the work is done, installing the hard drive and pay the bill once it is final.

State Farm transferred 2 accounts, the youth and money market to US Bank. There is now no checking account for these 2 accounts. And our last statement is from October. We discussed moving the accounts over to Acadia, so that we would have a simpler time. Joy will call US Bank and find out where it stands.

We received a check from Bev Blakeslee for a memorial and she asked that it be put into the account that handles the maintenance of the church. We will hold onto the check until more is known about the work that needs to be done on the labyrinth.

Father Henry worked on the Parochial report with Joy and during our meeting Father Henry submitted it to the Vestry. Savile made the motion to approve the parochial report as submitted, and the Kenneth seconded.

Junior warden info. Kenneth is going to check in with Paul about the items on the white board in the hallway to see where they stand or if he needs help getting them completed. We discussed the labyrinth and will check with Gail to see if she has gotten a quote. We will wait until the snow has melted to move forward with the flag poles.

George is working on the annual meeting notes and will be getting to those to us shortly. He has

undertaken quite a task as they were over 50 pages of notes to transcribe!

Earlier in the month the Vestry approved the purchase of a basic package for Zoom so that we could stream our services. We discussed the need for an iPad, tripod, and microphone to do this successfully. Jeff is going to investigate the options they use at his work.

We discussed having a training for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers. Father Henry will research what we need to have this done.

Our next meeting will meet on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 Father Henry will not be there, but we will still hold the vestry meeting.

Jeff motioned for us to adjourn; Kenneth seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Savile Lord

Senior Warden

### *March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021*

Jeff began the meeting with the opening prayer.

Joy presented the financials. We had some snow removal and little bit in advertising. Joy has not put the money from the Blakeslee into an account, that is still slated to be used for the church maintenance and more specifically the labyrinth. We are going to deposit it this week and put in a miscellaneous income account. Jeff moved for the financials to be accepted and Kenneth seconded. All in favor.

#### **Old Business**

Zoom service – Jeff looked into Podcaster. The starter package is \$750, that has a frame, ipad holder, 2 wireless mics and a shotgun mic and a

receiver. And a nice heavy duty tripod and does not include the ipad. Jeff has really liked using it at the funeral home. Kenneth motioned to approve the use of this padcaster system, and Savile Seconded. Our Zoom account is up and running as well.

Joy brought in an old ipad of hers to see if it is compatible with what we are doing. Joy ipad is an Air Pro 2, it is 16GB, it seemed to work well to fit our needs.

Eucharistic - Father Henry still needs to get back to us on the Lay Readers and the Lay Eucharistic Minister training.

The Labyrinth - We have not heard any quotes on getting any work done, so we will ask George to do a quote or two for the work, we will remove the rocks.

Strategic Planning Meeting - We would like to continue the work around creating a strategic plan. We would like to have people who use the church to be involved with an ideation station. And have more community involvement with people who use the church. We would like to come up with a list of people to invite with

input from Father Henry and the Vestry? We would like to plan on have a meeting in May, and we will get ideas.

### **New Business**

George presented an idea for a theatre program as part of an outreach program. We will table any discussion of a church theatre program and involve it in the strategic planning meeting.

George has also presented to the Vestry a list of items to consider to make the church more vibrant. The Vestry would like to have a price tag on these items like the flags and the banners so that the Vestry can make a more informed decision. The members of the Vestry are very thankful for bringing the suggestions to them.

Jerry Blakeslee memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>. We need to know whether we are doing a lunch or other get together that we will need to plan for. We will wait for further direction from Father Henry.

We tabled a few other discussions until next meeting as we ran out of time.

Savile closed the meeting with a prayer.