



# Christ Church Chronicle

JUNE 2021

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands. - Isaiah 49:15-16a

## Revealing God’s Love

### Prayer

“There is nothing that makes us love someone so much as praying for them.” - William Law, 18<sup>th</sup> century English priest

### Saint Anselm’s Prayer for Enemies

Lord, whatever you cause me to desire for my enemies, give it to them and give the same to me, and if what I ask for them is ever outside the rule of love, whether through weakness, ignorance, or malice, give it neither to them, good Lord, nor to me.

### The Shema

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

### Open Our Hearts to the Needs

Lord, God of peace, we thank you for the desire, which your spirit of peace, has roused in our day: to replace hatred with love, diffidence with understanding, unconcern with care. Open our hearts even more to the needs of all our brothers and sisters, so that we may be better able to build a true peace. For the people of every race, of every tongue, may your kingdom come:



your kingdom of justice, of peace, of love.  
**Amen.** - Pope Paul VI, **Living with Christ Prayer of the Week**, May 7, 2021

**Stand up for what is right and good and true.**

“Seeing others as our compassionate God sees them.”

“God shows no partiality.” *Acts 10:34* - **Take Five for Faith** Sunday, May 9, 2021

### Care for one another

Listen, speak comforting words, see to the needs of others.

**Excerpt from the prayer attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love...

### Quote

“What is done in love is done well.”

Vincent van Gogh

- **Fr. Henry Doyle**

## A Little Yard Work

This past weekend we all gathered at Christ Episcopal Church for our service and then afterwards we all went outside and did a little yard work. It was an opportunity for us to come together and do something with one another, but it was also an effort to reach out our hands in love to the physical church, thanking it for housing us and helping us through all that we do

in its space. When we reach out our hands in love, sometimes it is to a physical person, sometimes it is to a space, or to a cause. It can be as simple as sending a check or volunteering your time, but it involves thought and action. Thank you to everyone for participating this past weekend, for sharing your time and your love of our church, and for reaching out your hands in love with positive action.

- Savile Lord, Senior Warden

## Strategic Planning Meeting – June 17!

We will be holding a Strategic Planning Meeting on Thursday, June 17, at 5:30pm at the church. This meeting is for everyone to attend and give their input on the directions we want to be taking in coming years. This first meeting will be a brainstorm – any and all ideas are welcome!

This brainstorm will be a “Creative” phase, not a “Critical” phase, for our collective thinking. We want to generate as many ideas as possible without judging them at this point. Later, once we feel we have exhausted our ideas, we can then look at our list of ideas and begin to prioritize them and look at their Pros and Cons. But this first meeting is the funnest phase – so come with any all ideas, without regard for their immediate practicality! We will deal with that later!

To guide our thinking in preparation for this important gathering, please review our Mission Statement (below)! This is what we want to find ways to promote and strengthen!

*“Where All are Welcomed and Fed at the Table.” This is our mission as a congregation. We*

*strive to be a place where ALL people can feel welcomed and included in the life of this faith community. We live in a world where a growing number of groups and organizations seem to be defining themselves in terms of what they are against and who is excluded. That is not what Episcopalians believe. For us our faith is embodied in inclusiveness. Our heritage has always sought a wide diversity of voices and opinions within our common life of faith. We follow a Lord who sat at table with tax collectors, sinners and righteous people alike. We follow a Lord who declared love of God and love of neighbor as being the greatest of all the commandments.*

*So we invite you to be our guest at Christ Episcopal Church. With God's help, we are working hard to be a place where stranger and friend alike may know hospitality, acceptance, reconciliation, healing, forgiveness and the joy of God's love. **It has been said that a church exists not for its established members but instead for the stranger.** If you are looking for the experience of a community where you are welcomed and affirmed, we invite you to be our guest at Christ Episcopal Church – where all are welcomed and all are fed at the table. We are the church with the red doors at the corner of Fountain and Washington Streets. We sincerely hope that you will be our guest and find your place at God's Table!*





## Reflections – Hands Reaching out in Love

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

### As Equals

This is how I love  
Doting to extremes  
I do push and push  
I place you on a perch  
Above faults  
Above failings both lived and earned

In doing so  
I present you mine  
And extend my hand  
That you may raise me  
To meet your eyes  
And be received  
As an equal  
- **Daniel Montenegro**

### It's Greek To Me – *Seek!*

One of the best known passages from the Sermon on the Mount is Matthew 6:33: “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” The context for this passage is, of course, set into a discussion of how we deal with material needs; how much time and energy we spend fulfilling them, how much anxiety we create for ourselves in the act of acquiring them. Jesus’ counsel is to seek the kingdom of God – He intends this to be a contrast statement, something we should be doing rather than ‘seeking’ material things. So, it is perhaps important to understand the word Jesus uses when he tells us to ‘seek’.

The Greek word here is ‘zeitete’ (ζητεῖτε), from ‘zeteo’, pronounced ‘dzay-teh-o’. This word is used 119 times in the New Testament, in various contexts. The meaning of the word encompasses ‘to be about’, ‘endeavor’, ‘desire’,

‘enquire’. The idea is to seek in order to find by meditating, reasoning and enquiring into. It includes the idea of striving, seeking for something considered to be a requirement (not an extra). The idea of demanding something is also included in the word.

In other words, what Jesus is telling us we need to do in order to achieve the peace he wants us to experience is to enter into something which requires continuous effort and active energy. There is no idea here that spirituality can develop passively. It must be striven for every bit as much as we do for material necessities, not to mention luxuries.

How much time, thought, feeling and effort do we give to our inner spiritual life? Jesus is challenging us to see the spiritual path as a serious use of our will, our time, and our effort. As Paul says, “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

- **George Favell**

## Worship Schedule

### June Worship Schedule

<b>Sunday, June 6, 2021</b>	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost		
<b>Sunday, June 13, 2021</b>	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost		
<b><i>Vestry Meeting</i></b>	9:15 a.m.	
<b>Sunday, June 20, 2021</b>	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – <u><i>Outdoor Service – Fellowship afterwards!</i></u>		
<b>Sunday, June 27, 2021</b>	10:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost		

# The United Thank Offering – The Blue Boxes are Coming!

NOTICE the good things that happen each day.

GIVE THANKS to God for your blessings.

MAKE an offering for each blessing.

Every coin and bill transforms lives. In the United States and around the world your blessings become blessings for others.

*God of glorious and radiant abundance, we give you thanks for all that is – for stars in their nebulae, for wind in the trees, seed in the pod, food on our tables, and the grace of fellowship we enjoy in the banquet. We give thanks for your presence in our midst, as the Holy One, as the eternal spirit, and in the faces of each of your children. May your lovingkindness follow us all the days of our lives, and into the eternal. We ask this on behalf of all creation, that we may in our turn strive to love as you do. In your holy name we pray. Amen.*



## 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: Female

Her name means: "Date Tree" or "Palm Tree"

Her character: shared the good looks of her father; young and innocent to the dangers that threatened her from inside her family.

Her sorrow: lived in a protected environment but her father did nothing to protect her as half-brother saw her as object for his lust

Her joy: brother showed his love for her by avenging her honour

Key Scripture: 2 Samuel 13: 1-22

- Rev Chris

## Do You Remember When?



Do you remember Christ Church's Hispanic ministry? This far-reaching ministry was from 1998-2008, started by Rev. Gerald Krumenacker and ended with Rev. Jim Young.

These two photos are from September 2002 and are from the *quiñeanera* of Patricia Islas.

You ask just what is a *quiñeanera*? It is a celebration of a Latin American girl's 15th birthday. This birthday is celebrated as a girl's transition from childhood to adulthood, typically involving a mass followed by a party. The girl's dress was much like a wedding dress and we were graced with the music of a mariachi band on the front lawn of the church following the mass. What a celebration it was! - Gail Thurnau



*“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*

## Book Sale! – Friends of the Albert Lea Public Library

The annual book sale is on again!

Thursday, June 17 (Members only) – 4-7pm. If you want to get there on the first day and are not a member you can join at the door for \$5.

Friday, June 18 – Noon to 6pm.

Saturday, June 19 – Bag sale – 9am-Noon

The sale will be at the City Center Garage. Masks are required.

## New Revised Common Lectionary Sunday Readings

Eucharist Lectionary – Year B

Daily Office Lectionary – Year 1

6-Jun	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35	Psalm 138
13-Jun	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	2 Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17	Mark 4:26-34	Psalm 20
20-Jun	1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41	Psalm 9:9-20
27-Jun	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43	Psalm 130

**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

Don't worry over anything whatever; tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus. – *Philippians 4:6-7 – (JB Phillips translation)*



## Meditation Prayer – For Those We Love – BCP, page 831

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Bible Quiz Answer: Tamar, daughter of King David)



## Christ Episcopal Church June Birthdays

7 - Paula Paulson  
11 - Tom Minehart  
20 - Jason Blakeslee  
26 - Joy Shaft

## Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of June, please pray also for all Ecumenical Ministries throughout Minnesota, especially for the Minnesota Council of Churches and all those who work with social service agencies.

### **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/TRINITY (May 30)**

TRINITY and HOLY TRINITY PARISHES

Anoka, Excelsior, Litchfield, Park Rapids, Hermantown, Minneapolis, Elk River, International Falls, St. Paul

### **2 PENTECOST (June 6) [ Proper 5]**

ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH (Comm. Columba, June 9)

White Earth

### **3 PENTECOST (June 13) [ Proper 6]**

GRACE CHURCH

Wabasha

### **4 PENTECOST (June 20) [Proper 7]**

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH (Comm., Alban, June 22)

Edina

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHES (Feast of St. John the Baptist, June 24)

Minneapolis

### **5 PENTECOST (June 27) [Proper 8]**

ST. ANNE'S

Sunfish Lake



# Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer

**Tuesday 1 June 2021**

The Diocese of Canterbury – The Church of England  
(*Canterbury Province*)

**Wednesday 2 June 2021**

The Diocese of Cape Coast – The Church of the Province  
of West Africa  
(*Ghana Province*)

**Thursday 3 June 2021**

*Corpus Christi*  
The Diocese of Cape Town – The Anglican Church of  
Southern Africa

**Friday 4 June 2021**

The Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba – The  
Church in the Province of the West Indies

**Saturday 5 June 2021**

The Diocese of Carlisle – The Church of England  
(*York Province*)

**Sunday 6 June 2021**

*1st Sunday after Trinity*  
The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

**Monday 7 June 2021**

The Diocese of East Carolina – The Episcopal Church  
(*IV (4) Province*)

**Tuesday 8 June 2021**

The Diocese of North Carolina – The Episcopal Church  
(*IV (4) Province*)

**Wednesday 9 June 2021**

The Diocese of South Carolina – The Episcopal Church  
(*IV (4) Province*)

**Thursday 10 June 2021**

The Diocese of Upper South Carolina – The Episcopal  
Church  
(*IV (4) Province*)

**Friday 11 June 2021**

*Barnabas the Apostle*  
The Diocese of Western North Carolina – The Episcopal  
Church  
(*IV (4) Province*)

**Saturday 12 June 2021**

The Diocese of Cashel Ferns & Ossory – The Church of  
Ireland  
(*Dublin Province*)

**Sunday 13 June 2021**

*2nd Sunday after Trinity*  
The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Monday 14 June 2021**

The Diocese of Chandigarh – The (united) Church of  
North India

**Tuesday 15 June 2021**

The Diocese of Chelmsford – The Church of England  
(*Canterbury Province*)

**Wednesday 16 June 2021**

The Diocese of Chester – The Church of England  
(*York Province*)

**Thursday 17 June 2021**

The Diocese of Chhattisgarh – The (united) Church of  
North India

**Friday 18 June 2021**

The Diocese of Chicago – The Episcopal Church  
(*V (5) Province*)

**Saturday 19 June 2021**

The Diocese of Chichester – The Church of England  
(*Canterbury Province*)

**Sunday 20 June 2021**

*3rd Sunday after Trinity*  
The Church of North India (United)

**Monday 21 June 2021**

The Diocese of Chotanagpur – The (united) Church of  
North India

**Tuesday 22 June 2021**

The Diocese of Christ the King – The Anglican Church of  
Southern Africa

**Wednesday 23 June 2021**

The Diocese of Christchurch – The Anglican Church in  
Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia  
(*Pakeha Tikanga*)

**Thursday 24 June 2021**

*The Birth of John the Baptist*  
The Diocese of Chubu – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Friday 25 June 2021**

The Diocese of Clogher – The Church of Ireland  
(*Armagh Province*)

**Saturday 26 June 2021**

The Diocese on the Coast – The Church of Nigeria  
(Anglican Communion)  
(*Ondo Province*)

**Sunday 27 June 2021**

*4th Sunday after Trinity*  
The Church of Pakistan (United)

Monday 28 June 2021  
The Diocese of Cochin – The (united) Church of South  
India

Tuesday 29 June 2021  
*Peter and Paul, Apostles*

The Diocese of Coimbatore – The (united) Church of  
South India

Wednesday 30 June 2021  
The Diocese of Colombia – The Episcopal Church  
(IX (9) Province)



## Training Opportunities Coming Up in June!

We will be offering Eucharistic Minister training on Sunday, June 6 and Lay Reader training on Sunday, June 20. Just send an email to [cecalmn@gmail.com](mailto:cecalmn@gmail.com) and state which training you are interested in!



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## Community Communication

### Father Doyle

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### Weekly Sunday Bulletin

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



# June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Eucharist - 10:30 am <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING - 9:30 AM</b>	7 Yoga - 10am and 6pm	8 Office open - 10am to 2pm  Book Club - 6pm	9	10 Office open - 10am to 2pm	11 <b>SAINT BARNABAS</b>	12
13 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Eucharist Vestry Meeting - 9:15	14 Yoga - 10am and 6pm	15 Office open - 10am to 2pm	16	17 Office open - 10am to 2pm <b>STRATEGIC PLANNING MTG - 5:30 PM - at the church</b>	18	19
20 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Eucharist - 10:30 am - Outdoor Service! <b>LAY READER TRAINING - 9:30 AM</b>	21 Yoga - 10am and 6pm	22 Office open - 10am to 2pm  Book Club - 6pm	23	24 Office open - 10am to 2pm  <b>THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	25	26
27 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Morning Prayer - 10:30 am	28 Yoga - 10am and 6pm	29 Office open - 10am to 2pm <b>SAINTS PETER AND PAUL</b>	30	Office open - 10am to 2pm		

# MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETINGS

## April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

In attendance: Savile Lord, Henry Doyle, Jeff Shaft, Joy Shaft, Peggy Havener, Kenneth Johnson

Father Henry opened the meeting in prayer. We discussed the present state of services, with the increased Covid numbers. We also discussed Jerry Blakeslee event. We will continue forward with this event, but will keep our in person services in accordance with the Bishop.

Joy presented the financials. We have the \$500 from the Blakeslee for the labyrinth earmarked and deposited. We also had \$300 from building use sent in from Clemencia for Yoga use. Office use is a little high, but it is for the computer being fixed and the Zoom account. Jeff moved for the financial report to be approved, Kenneth seconded. All approved.

### New Business

Hope Church - They have requested from us use of the church for their services while there are repairs done on their church. The vestry discussed this at great length. The Vestry is not interested in having them interfere with the services that we have but we would like to be a good neighbor and to make some money. We would charge \$500 a weekend for the use of our church for 2 services, one on Saturday night and one on Sunday afternoon, so that it would not interfere with our time or services. They would need to do a thorough clean up after each service. There would be janitorial clean up fee if they did not clean up. We would need to include increased insurance, so we will need to look into that. Savile will work with Hope Church to draw up a contract that would last till the fall.

Flag pole - we will ask George to look at electrical companies, so that work on this can be done now that the snow has melted

Eucharist Minister training - In an effort to increase the number of people who are trained, Father Henry will be leading 2 training sessions.

June 6<sup>th</sup> EM training at 9:45

June 13<sup>th</sup> Lay reader training at 10:00

If you can't do those dates, Father Henry will do one on his own.

Online services - We have taken a step in the right direction for online services. We now have an account with Zoom, we have an Ipad and a docking, mic, light system is on its way. Going forward, George will be checking Covid numbers weekly and will be the one who schedules Zoom services for the congregation when in person services are not needed, so that multiple messages are not sent.

### Old Business

Labyrinth - 2 business have been called to do an estimate of the Labyrinth and reworking it so that weeds don't grow. We are awaiting the estimates. We have declined lawn service for the spring at this time.

Flowers - Nancy Jones is going to do the plants in front of the church, and then Joy will do the plants in the back of the church. We thank Gail for all of the work she has done over the years on the plants.

Spring Clean up - We will set a date for a lawn clean up for May 16th. We will talk about a removal of items from the lake, as we did not do that in the fall.

Inside updates - The Vestry has discussed options for helping to refresh the inside of the church. Our first item will be to remove the curtains downstairs in front of the big window. We will be looking into and doing a few things to help update the space, give it some new life. We will talk to Clemencia about removing the curtains. We will discuss one item a month for 6 months.

Facilitation - the Vestry needs to do a little work to prepare for this. We will discuss further at our next Vestry meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

## May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Father Henry opened the meeting with prayer.

We received a notice from the Bishop about a task force that is being put together that will continue to monitor the use of the church during the pandemic.

Father Henrys update: Jerry Blakeslee service was in the church at the end of April. We have the trainings going on so that we can use the Podcaster, and that everyone can be involved. We can then have the services shown on live through Facebook, or available for people to watch at their leisure.

Senior warden update - Things seem to be moving forward we have several projects in the work and look forward to further positive progress.

Junior Warden - we need to check with Joy as to whether she is still paying Paul. Kenneth has had some challenges getting in touch with him. We are not sure if Paul is coming every week.

Financials -There were no changes except for the payment for the Podcaster, Zoom and for some computer repairs, otherwise everything is in line. Jeff motioned to approve the financials; Savile seconded. All approved.

### Old Business

Use of the church by Hope Church for July 4<sup>th</sup> - The church would be happy to let Hope church use the space without a fee as long as they have no need to use the inside of the church.

Date for the Strategic Planning - June 17th at 5:30 we will invite the whole congregation.

Landscaping - We are 27<sup>th</sup> in line to have Plaza landscaping do the work on the labyrinth. Question have been asked about what to do with the arbor?

Flag poles - The vestry discussed, after some contemplation of cost and we will look to see what it would take to take them down, and then just concern ourselves with other lighting at the front of the church. It seems that the getting them truly working would be more expensive when we could spend money on other things.

### New Business

Savile brought some new chairs that she is donating to the church. She has 6 more to drop off.

Outdoor liturgies - We can have it once a month outside, June 20<sup>th</sup> will be the first outdoor service, July 11<sup>th</sup>, and August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Next Vestry meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup> and Lay reader training will be the 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a change from a previous date.

Today is the date of the church clean up. We would like to add a signage to the lake front that reminds people of no dumping. You are on camera.

For June - On the 20<sup>th</sup>, following our outdoor service, will coffee hour following service, July the 11<sup>th</sup> will have a box lunch.

June inside refresh - will discuss with Joy. Clemencia has agreed to the removal of the curtains.

Jeff motioned to adjourn the meeting, Savile seconded. All in favor.

Father Henry closed in prayer.