



# Christ Church Chronicle

FEBRUARY 2022

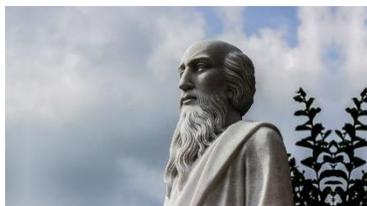
*“You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”*

- Psalm 16:11, (Bible Quiz Answer: Joseph)

*“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” - John 15:11,*

## Finding Joy

On Friday, December 23, 2016, a murder-suicide occurred in Faribault. While the barber cut my hair, I learned of this horrific incident. When he told me the names of the divorced couple, I was quite upset, for I had known them and many of their immediate relatives and friends for many years; the former wife's younger sister office at school was a few doors from mine. After I left the barber shop, I drove to the home of the



*St. Matthias, Apostle, February 24*

youngest of their two sons and his wife. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, I had joined him and his wife in marriage. Both sons were present when I entered the house. The youngest one said his dad's will had stated I would officiate at the funerals. Without hesitation, I said I would officiate at the funerals: hers on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> and his on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> (On Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> in the deep cold, I officiated at a graveside service near Mankato. I

thanked God Boldt Funeral Home handled the arrangements for the three funerals).

I was very angry with Dick (the one who had taken his own life) for what he had done. Aloud and alone, I shouted, “Dick, you’re not going to take the joy out of Christmas for me.” I prayed to the Lord for guidance, strength, inspiration, grace, mercy, peace; I prayed the deceased rested in peace and their loved ones felt God’s light surrounding them, God’s love enfolding them, God’s presence watching over them. The Holy Spirit lifted my heart and empowered me to give pastoral care to those in great sorrow, to focus and engage in presiding at the Christmas Eve liturgies, to feel immense gratitude for the season, to find joy in celebrating masses, singing Christmas hymns, eating Christmas dinner with extended family, laughing, walking. Throughout Christmastide, I especially thought of and prayed for the grief-stricken family and friends.

**“...this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be  
grieved, for the joy of the  
Lord is your strength.”**

*Nehemiah 8:10b*

- *The Rev. Henry Doyle*



## Joy: Internal and External

This month as we focus on finding joy, I think about this as both an internal and external reflection that to truly understand will need a few minutes of thought, and a pen. Internally I want you to focus on making a list of what brings you joy and be as specific as you can. Just five things are enough! By writing the list down you can refer to it and just looking at the list can bring you joy. Externally I want you to think about giving a little bit of your time or money, as that helps bring joy as well. So, let's dive in!

Internally, what brings you joy? The question seems simple enough, but when was the last time you really considered it? Thinking about what *really* makes you happy—spending time with friends, aspects of your work, or perhaps something else entirely—can help you make time for what truly matters. Think about who you were with or what you were doing as you make your list. Just 5 things jotted down, so you know what

to go to when you want to recreate that joy again.

Externally, there's a reason why the adage "it's better to give than to receive" has stood the test of time. It's true, especially in regards to cultivating joy. It has been studied that throughout the world that people who gave money to charity were happier than those who did not—even after taking their own financial situations into account. That may be in part because giving to charity activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust.

If you're on a tight budget, giving away just a little bit of money has the same effect on joy as giving away a lot. But money does not have to be what you give, you can donate your time to mentor someone, or help an organization.

As we begin 2022, it is important especially in the midst of a pandemic to find our joy, and hold on tightly to it, as the past few years have been a bumpy ride.

- *Savile Lord, Senior Warden*

## Sing for "Joy"!

Did you know that the word *joy* is mentioned 114 times in the Old Testament and 58 times in the New Testament? And many times it is mentioned as *sing for joy*, a phrase that always rings true in the ears and heart of a church musician. In fact on Sunday January 16 we said the word *joy* 4 times, all in the psalms. I feel we are especially

blessed to have a JOY (Shaft) in our midst and I often hear Joy bustling around the altar, tending to her altar guild duties, singing or humming one of the hymns of day. Joy is definitely a feeling of great pleasure and happiness, as stated in the dictionary.

- *Gail Thurnau*

## Do You Remember When?



When were the lovely stained glass windows installed in the nave? The windows were made by the Gaytee Stained Glass Studio in Minneapolis and were installed in 1960. The windows each portray one of the five basic attitudes of prayer - Adoration, Confession, Intercession, Petition and Thanksgiving and are demonstrated by a biblical event involving Christ.

This window is Thanksgiving and is in memory of Dr. F. G. Folken 1892-1960, the father of the late Sue Gill. The description of the window states that we thank God always for his blessings, yet the ultimate act of thankfulness is for Jesus Christ's redemption of creation.

Take some time to look at our beautiful windows!

- *Gail Thurnau*

## It's Greek To Me! – “...far more life than before.”

“...I came to bring them life, and far more life than before.” - John 10:10b

In this quote, Jesus tells us his purpose – abundant life. He did not come to make our lives narrow or drab or unfulfilling. He came to give more life than we could possibly imagine on our own. The word ‘life’ in Greek is ζωή (dzo-ay); it means more than just ‘alive’. It means the absolute fullness of life which flows from God to us. We have to find a way to get in touch with this flow of life that is, at this very moment, flowing from God through Christ by the Holy Spirit, to us.

Jesus often talked about God setting a banquet for us but the invited guests refuse to come to the feast. The word in Greek that is here translated as “far more life than before” is περισσός (per-is-sos). It signifies something further, something

more, something superior, extraordinary and uncommon. Are we seeking ways of ‘tuning in’ to this flow of uncommon, extraordinary life? We have many ways of doing that provided to us: the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, prayer, the Bible, the Prayer Book, meditation, good works.

One of the key ideas here is that we do not wait for the ‘feeling’ of joy to come to us, but that we actively seek it out and choose it. In Advent we are told to prepare the way of the Lord *in the wilderness*. We do the work of seeking and choosing this abundant life of God even if we are experiencing a ‘wilderness’ of spiritual dryness. It is then, when we have ventured forth in faith, that we are met with the living steam of God’s life and joy!

- *George M. Favell*

## Worship Schedule for February

Sunday, February 6, 2022 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Eucharist	10:30am
ANNUAL MEETING	AFTER SERVICE
Coffee Hour	

Sunday, February 13, 2022 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Morning Prayer	10:30am
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Sunday, February 20, 2022 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

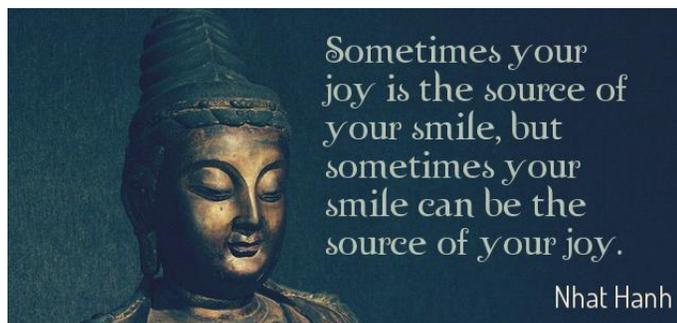
Holy Eucharist	10:30am
Coffee Hour	

Sunday, February 27, 2022 – Last Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Eucharist	10:30am
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The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple - February 2



Happiness lies in making others happy, in forsaking self-interest to bring joy to others. If you do not choose to be happy, no one can make you happy. And if you choose to be happy, no one can make you unhappy. The best way to be unendingly happy is to be conscious of the Divine. - **Paramhansa Yogananda**

Find joy in everything you choose to do. Every job, relationship, home... It's your responsibility to love it, or change it.  
- **Chuck Palahniuk**

If you carry joy in your heart, you can heal any moment. - **Carlos Santana**



## Who am I?

The answer to the Bible quiz is somewhere in this Chronicle, in parentheses and italics.

Sex: Male

Meaning of Name: May He (the Lord) add

Work: a carpenter by trade

Character: able to track ancestry to King David, just, compassionate, obedient to God

Sorrow: a king tried to murder his son

Joy: used by God to protect his son

Key Scriptures: Matthew 1-2, Luke 2

Who am I?

- *The Rev. Chris Boyce*

**UNITED THANK OFFERING**



In our Christ Church Fall UTO ingathering we collected \$197!! Thank you to everyone who contributed. New or used blue boxes are available as we prepare for the Spring Ingathering.

The 2021 Annual Report from UTO reports that, as a result of our combined gratitude and generosity, 53 grants totaling \$1,039,462.77 were awarded in support of 53 organizations in extreme need due to the global pandemic.

There is a wonderful Lenten discipline available from the UTO - a 40 day gratitude challenge journal. Each week focuses on practicing gratitude for a specific topic based on scripture. Contact the office for a copy of the journal.

- *Gail Thurnau*

## New Revised Common Lectionary Sunday Readings

Eucharist Lectionary - Year C - Daily Office Lectionary - Year 2

6-Feb	Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
13-Feb	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
20-Feb	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38
27-Feb	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

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 Administrator/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

*For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not*

*make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. – 2 Timothy 1:6-7*



## Meditation Prayer – For Joy in God's Creation

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*O heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty; Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## Christ Episcopal Church February Birthdays

5 - Ashley Shaft

21 - Peggy Havener

## Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

FEBRUARY

FOR PROVINCE VI OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Colorado	The Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas, Bishop
Iowa	The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot, Bishop (consecrated Dec. 18, 2021)
Minnesota	The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya, Bishop
Montana	The Rt. Rev. Marty Stebbins, Bishop
Nebraska	The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, Bishop
North Dakota	The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Ely, Provisional Bishop
South Dakota	The Rt. Rev. Jonathan H. Folts, Bishop
Wyoming	The Rt. Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler, Bishop

For the month of February please pray for those who serve on the Council as Mission Area Team members, the Trustees, the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry, the Disciplinary Board, the Chancellors and for the treasurer of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

**5 EPIPHANY (February 6)**

CHURCHES OF THE MESSIAH  
Prairie Island, St. Paul

**7 EPIPHANY (February 20)**

SS. MARTHA & MARY Egan

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (February 27)**

ST. DAVID'S (Feast of David of Wales, March 1)  
Minnetonka



## Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer – February 2022

Tuesday 1 February 2022	The Diocese of Kansas - The Episcopal Church
Wednesday 2 February 2022 - Candlemas	The Diocese of Western Kansas - The Episcopal Church
Thursday 3 February 2022	The Diocese of Kanyakumari - The (united) Church of South India
Friday 4 February 2022	The Diocese of Kapoeta - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
Saturday 5 February 2022	The Diocese of Kapsabet - The Anglican Church of Kenya
Sunday 6 February 2022	The Church of Ireland
Monday 7 February 2022	The Diocese of Karachi - The (united) Church of Pakistan
Tuesday 8 February 2022	The Diocese of Karamoja - The Church of the Province of Uganda
Wednesday 9 February 2022	The Diocese of North Karamoja - The Church of the Province of Uganda
Thursday 10 February 2022	The Diocese of Karimnagar - The (united) Church of South India
Friday 11 February 2022	The Diocese of Karnataka Central - The (united) Church of South India
Saturday 12 February 2022	The Diocese of Karnataka North - The (united) Church of South India
Sunday 13 February 2022	The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
Monday 14 February 2022	The Diocese of Karnataka South - The (united) Church of South India
Tuesday 15 February 2022	The Diocese of Kasai - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
Wednesday 16 February 2022	The Diocese of Katakwa - The Anglican Church of Kenya
Thursday 17 February 2022	The Diocese of Katanga - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
Friday 18 February 2022	The Diocese of Katsina - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Saturday 19 February 2022	The Diocese of Kebbi - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Sunday 20 February 2022	The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Monday 21 February 2022	The Diocese of Kentucky - The Episcopal Church
Tuesday 22 February 2022	The Diocese of Mount Kenya Central - The Anglican Church of Kenya
Wednesday 23 February 2022	The Diocese of Mount Kenya South - The Anglican Church of Kenya
Thursday 24 February 2022	The Diocese of Mount Kenya West - The Anglican Church of Kenya
Friday 25 February 2022	The Diocese of East Kerala - The (united) Church of South India
Saturday 26 February 2022	The Diocese of South Kerala - The (united) Church of South India
Sunday 27 February 2022	The Anglican Church of Kenya
Monday 28 February 2022	The Diocese of Kericho - The Anglican Church of Kenya

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# February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE	3	4	5 Yoga – 10 am**
6 5 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany – Holy Eucharist – 10:30 am Coffee Hour <b>ANNUAL MEETING – 11:30 am</b>	7 Yoga – 10 am and 6 pm**	8 Office Open – 10 am – 2 pm Writers’ Group – 6pm	9	10 Office Open – 10 am – 2 pm	11	12 Yoga – 10 am**
13 6 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany – Morning Prayer – 10:30 am	14 Yoga – 10 am and 6 pm**	15 Office Open – 10 am – 2 pm	16	17 Office Open – 10 am – 2 pm	18	19 Yoga – 10 am**
20 7 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany – Holy Eucharist – 10:30 am Coffee Hour	21 Yoga – 10 am and 6 pm**	22 Office Open – 10 am – 2 pm Writers’ Group – 6pm	23	24 SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE Office Open – 10 am – 2 pm	25	26 Yoga – 10 am**
27 Last Epiphany – Holy Eucharist – 10:30 am	28 Yoga – 10 am and 6 pm**					

**\*\*** Please check with Clemencia to confirm location and if class is full.

[bebegu@live.com](mailto:bebegu@live.com) or 507-377-2718.

## Vestry Minutes

January 9, 2022

Father Henry Update: We have received a request to do a parochial update for 2022. There is a question specifically for the congregation about what the community needs in order to bring about the changes we need to see in our faith community.

### Financial Update

We received \$320 from the Vintage clothing Sale and we added to the building use fund.

Savile motioned to approve the preliminary financial report until we can receive the remainder from Arcadia bank. Kenneth seconded, all approved

Senior Warden Update: Savile raised the need for Zoom services. She suggested the potential of having a person come in to record services and get the Zoom up and running.

Junior warden Update: All items on the list are up to date. There is some electrical work that needs to be done that we are getting multiple proposals for.

### Old Business:

Building Use form revision. We would like George to update the form to reflect the St. Mary's request form. Savile will edit according to our specific churches need and return to George.

### New Business:

Elevator Certificate - we will ask George to call to get the permit renewed.

Window wells: Savile motioned, and Kenneth approved up to \$300 for covers for the window wells

We approved to have up to \$100 of literature purchased for the church.

We approved to have an IT person come in and give an estimate for a mesh installation and update of our system.



Joy does not simply happen to us.  
We have to choose joy and keep  
choosing it every day.

— Henri Nouwen —

