



Christ Church Chronicle

MARCH 2022

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” - Luke 1:38

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” – Isaiah 6:8

Saying Yes to God

God, in whom we live, move, and have our very being, knows what we can and cannot do. As one of God’s children, I have promised to love God and neighbor. Promises cannot remain said; I must put them into action. Indeed, my words and action must match. With God’s help, I

follow through; I do what I promise. When I break the promise, I confess to God: “I have not loved you; I have not loved my neighbor.” If I mean what I say, God forgives me and gives another chance to make ‘yes’ realized, practiced.

- *The Rev. Henry Doyle*

2022 Lenten Series

This Lent, we at Ascension Lutheran Church and Christ Episcopal Church are focusing on some spiritual practices, through which we intentionally seek to root ourselves in the life and love of Jesus Christ, who gave himself so that we might live.

At 11 o’clock five Wednesday mornings at Ascension and at 7 o’clock five Wednesday evenings at Ascension or Christ Church, we will gather for worship. If you attend the morning service, you are welcome to stay for the soup lunch afterward.

On Wednesday evening, March 30th, we will host a soup supper before the service. We need your presence and help.

We will distribute the offering taken at Christ Church between the Albert Lea Ecumenical Food Pantry and the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Let us keep a holy Lent.

Worship Schedule for March

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – Ash Wednesday at Christ Episcopal
Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 5:30pm

Sunday, March 6, 2022 – 1st Sunday in Lent at Christ Episcopal
Holy Eucharist 10:30am
Coffee Hour



Wednesday, March 9, 2022 – Lenten Service

Lenten Service – Ascension 11:00am
Soup Lunch 12:00noon
Lenten Service - Ascension 7:00pm

Sunday, March 13, 2022 – 2nd Sunday in Lent at Christ Episcopal

Morning Prayer 10:30am

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – Lenten Service

Lenten Service - Ascension 11:00am
Soup Lunch – Ascension 12:00noon
Coffee – Christ Episcopal 6:00pm
Lenten Service – Christ Episcopal 7:00pm

Sunday, March 20, 2022 – 3rd Sunday in Lent at Christ Episcopal

Holy Eucharist 10:30am
Vestry Meeting 9:15am

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – Lenten Service

Lenten Service – Ascension 11:00am
Soup Lunch 12:00noon
Lenten Service - Ascension 7:00pm

Sunday, March 27, 2022 – 4th Sunday in Lent at Christ Episcopal

Holy Eucharist 10:30am
Strategic Meeting 11:30am
Coffee Hour

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 – Lenten Service

Lenten Service - Ascension 11:00am
Soup Lunch – Ascension 12:00noon
Soup Supper – Christ Episcopal 6:00pm
Lenten Service – Christ Episcopal 7:00pm



At the Annual Meeting Christ Church decided on our UTO ingathering dates for 2022 - May 1 and November 6. If you do not have a UTO box, pick one up in the narthex.

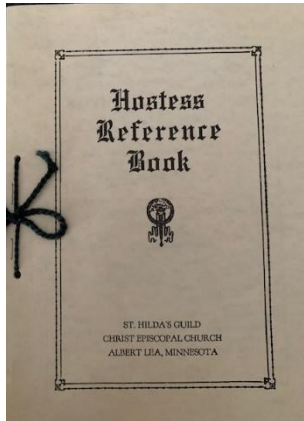
Let's show love and gratitude to our community this month! There are so many ways in which you can do this, but let's especially keep in mind those who have kept the world turning these past two years - grocery store workers, teachers, healthcare workers, food delivery people, sanitation workers

etc. Give. Make. Bless. UTO encourages us to live lives of gratitude, make thank offerings, which go on to empower mission and ministry. (Bible quiz answer: *The Syrophenician Woman*)

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*

Do you remember when?



You probably don't remember when the women's group at Christ Church was called the St. Hilda's Guild - because the group was started almost 100 years ago! The guild printed and sold the pictured Hostess Reference Books with many popular household

tips, recipes, etiquette tips, and advertising for many local businesses. In 1995 the ECW again published and sold these books dedicated to long-time member Jean Gadbois (1920-1995).

The first section was entitled "Things Children

Should Know". "The question of etiquette for children is a subject that can best be handled by being explicit and by using plain everyday language. It is the hope of the writer that many children will read, remember, and follow the suggestions herein outlined as there is no other thing that will assist them more in becoming real, popular and respected young men and women. Never talk back to old people, especially to your mother and father. Never hesitate in carrying out requests of your elders. Never whine or frown when spoken to by your elders. Never contradict any one under any circumstances. It is very impolite and you may be mistaken." Etc, etc, etc. What a treasure this Hostess Reference Book is!

- *Gail Thurnau*

Who am I?

The answer to the quiz is somewhere in this chronicle, in parenthesis an italics!

Sex: Female

Her character: A Gentile who addressed Jesus as "Lord, Son of David." Her great faith resulted in the deliverance of her child.

Her sorrow: That her daughter was possessed by an evil spirit.

Her joy: That Jesus freed her child from spiritual bondage.

Key Scriptures: Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:24-30.

Who am I?

- **The Rev. Chris Boyce**

It's Greek To Me! – "Stir up!"

"For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands" – 2 Timothy 1:6

As we move into Lent, we can use this holy season as a time to rekindle or strengthen our personal spiritual disciplines. Like all relationships, we can fall into a rut with God and discover we are just 'going through the motions', rather than truly going deeper in our walk with the Lord.

In this passage, Paul tells the young Timothy, a minister he had ordained and left

in charge of a church, to 'rekindle' the gift he was given. The word translated as rekindle is ἀναζωπυρέω – pronounced "an-ad-zo-poor-eh'-o" (now that's a mouthful!). This word can mean any of the following: to kindle up, to inflame one's mind, strengthen, zeal. It can refer to anything that has the power to make a fire billow up to full strength again.

Paul is clearly indicating that, although we have received grace and gifts for our life and ministry, these can burn low and become mere smoldering embers. He indicates by his

exhortation that we must consciously and deliberately ‘rekindle’ and strengthen this inner fire.

How can we do that? Well, we can during this Lent establish or re-establish a set time for prayer and Bible reading. Use the Book of Common Prayer for Morning and Evening Prayer. We can re-establish attendance at Sunday service as a spiritual discipline. We can look for ways to serve in the community or at home or the church.

The bottom line is that WE are called to

do the rekindling of this grace that has been given. If we sit around waiting for God to rekindle our fire, we may be sitting for a very long time. God has acted – he has bestowed in baptism and in other ways, His grace within us. Now we must take hold of that grace and fan the embers into flames. As St. Augustine quipped, “Pray as if everything depended on God. Work as if everything depended on you.”

- *George M. Favell*

If you read through the Bible about all the men and women who decided to say “yes” to God, you will find that it was always of their own free will.

Noah had the choice of building an ark or not building an ark. Fortunately for us (and him), he chose to build it.

Moses stood before a burning bush and said yes to God, even though doing so placed him in great danger returning to Egypt.

Blessed Mary said yes, with her beautiful answer, “my soul magnifies the Lord”.

The disciples said “yes” even though it meant danger, deprivation and persecution.

March 2022 Minnesota Food Share Campaign

One in six children in Minnesota experience food insecurity.

March is Minnesota Food Share Month, and food shelves throughout the state are having major food drives. All food and money raised will stay locally.

Through participation in the Campaign, local food shelves will receive a percentage of undesignated statewide Food Share funds, according to the amount of food and money raised locally during the month of March and their statistics during the year.

The Campaign’s theme is ***Increase Food Access. Build Strong Communities.*** Let us help the Albert Lea Ecumenical Food Pantry and the Salvation Army in their efforts to fight hunger in our midst. Please give generously with care and compassion for those in need. Thank you very much.



The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary – March 25

New Revised Common Lectionary Sunday Readings

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

6-Mar	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
13-Mar	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
20-Mar	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
27-Mar	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

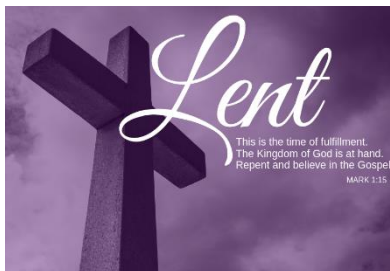
Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. - 1 Timothy 6:12



Meditation Prayer - For the Oppressed

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Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Christ Episcopal Church March Birthdays

- 16 - Samantha Jean Erickson
- 20 - Bev Blakeslee
- 20 - John Sevig
- 22 - Heather Anderson



Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

During the month of March please pray for those involved in specialized licensed ministries throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota including lay preachers, Eucharistic ministers and visitors, and lay readers; and for our musicians and worship committees.

1 LENT (March 6)

EMMANUEL Alexandria, Rushford

ANNIVERSARIES 3/6 Robert Gunkle, d 1988 3/8 Roger Weaver, p 1968

2 LENT (March 13)

ANNIVERSARIES 3/17 Daniel Pearson, p 1969

3 LENT (March 20)

CATHEDRAL OF OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR, Faribault Faribault

ANNIVERSARIES 3/25 Mike Moses, p 2007 Denis O'Pray, p 1976

4 LENT (March 27)

GOOD SHEPHERD Windom

ANNIVERSARIES 4/1 Wayne Bickford, p 1974 Paul Froiland, p 1973

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer – March 2022

Tuesday 1 March 2022	The Diocese of Khahlamba - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
Wednesday 2 March 2022	Ash Wednesday The Diocese of Khartoum - Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
Thursday 3 March 2022	The Diocese of Kibondo - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
Friday 4 March 2022	The Diocese of Kibungo - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
Saturday 5 March 2022	The Diocese of Kigali - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
Sunday 6 March 2022	1st Sunday of Lent The Anglican Church of Korea
Monday 7 March 2022	The Diocese of Kigeme - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
Tuesday 8 March 2022	The Diocese of Kigezi - The Church of the Province of Uganda

Wednesday 9 March 2022	The Diocese of North Kigezi - The Church of the Province of Uganda
Thursday 10 March 2022	The Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
Friday 11 March 2022	The Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh - The Church of Ireland (Armagh Province)
Saturday 12 March 2022	The Diocese of Kimberley & Kuruman - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
Sunday 13 March 2022	2nd Sunday of Lent The Anglican Church of Melanesia
Monday 14 March 2022	The Diocese of Kindu - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
Tuesday 15 March 2022	The Diocese of Kinkiizi - The Church of the Province of Uganda
Wednesday 16 March 2022	The Diocese of Kinshasa - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
Thursday 17 March 2022	The Diocese of Kirinyaga - The Anglican Church of Kenya
Friday 18 March 2022	The Diocese of Kisangani - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
Saturday 19 March 2022	The Diocese of Kita-Kanto - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
Sunday 20 March 2022	3rd Sunday of Lent La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
Monday 21 March 2022	The Diocese of Kitale - The Anglican Church of Kenya
Tuesday 22 March 2022	The Diocese of Kiteto - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
Wednesday 23 March 2022	The Diocese of Kitgum - The Church of the Province of Uganda
Thursday 24 March 2022	The Diocese of Kitui - The Anglican Church of Kenya
Friday 25 March 2022	Mark the Evangelist The Diocese of Kivu - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
Saturday 26 March 2022	The Diocese of Nord Kivu - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
Sunday 27 March 2022	4th Sunday of Lent The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
Monday 28 March 2022	The Diocese of Kobe - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Tuesday 29 March 2022 The Diocese of Koforidua - The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province)

Wednesday 30 March 2022 The Diocese of Kolhapur - The (united) Church of North India

Thursday 31 March 2022 The Diocese of Kollam - Kottarakkara - The (united) Church of South India

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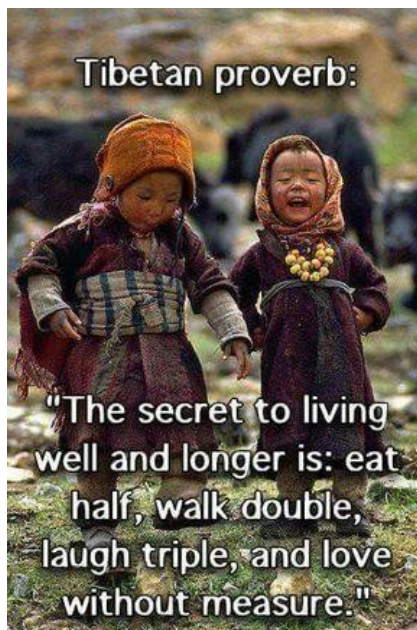
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Parish Office

The Parish Office is open on Tuesdays and Thursday from 10am to 2pm.

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March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 ASH WEDNESDAY Service – 5:30pm	3	4	5 Yoga – 10am**
6 1 st Sunday in Lent – Holy Eucharist, 10:30am Coffee Hour	7 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	8 Office Open – 10am-2pm	9 Ember Day Lenten Services at Ascension, 11am with Soup Lunch after, and at 7pm at Ascension	10 Office Open – 10am-2pm	11 Ember Day	12 Ember Day Yoga – 10am**
13 2 nd Sunday in Lent – Morning Prayer, 10:30am	14 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	15 Office Open – 10am-2pm	16 Lenten Services at Ascension, 11am with Soup Lunch after, and at Christ Episcopal at 7pm with coffee at 6pm	17 Office Open – 10am-2pm St. Patrick	18	19 Yoga – 10am** ST. JOSEPH
20 3 rd Sunday in Lent – Holy Eucharist, 10:30am Vestry Meeting – 9:15am	21 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	22 Office Open – 10am-2pm	23 Lenten Services at Ascension, 11am with Soup Lunch after, and at 7pm at Ascension	24 Office Open – 10am-2pm Oscar Romero	25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	26 Yoga – 10am**
27 4 th Sunday in Lent – Holy Eucharist, 10:30am Coffee Hour Strategic Planning Meeting	28 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	29 Office Open – 10am-2pm	30 Lenten Services at Ascension, 11am with Soup Lunch after, and at Christ Episcopal at 7pm with Soup Supper at 6pm	31 Office Open – 10am-2pm		

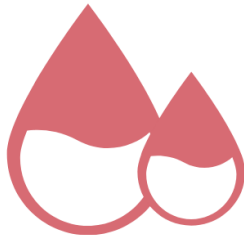
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bebegu@live.com or 507-377-2718.



WANTED: VOLUNTEERS & BLOOD DONORS

All of us at Big Stone Therapies-Albert Lea are passionate about helping others. With the nationwide shortage of blood, we felt this is the best way to help out. We are hosting a blood drive with American Red Cross!



**MONDAY MARCH 7TH
12PM-5PM**

**GIVE US A CALL
507-552-0022**