



Christ Church Chronicle

FEBRUARY 2023

I do not claim that I have already succeeded or have already become perfect. I keep striving to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself. Of course, my friends, I really do not^{td} think that I have already won it; the one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead. So I run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above. – Philippians 3:12-

Lent 2023

On Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, Lent begins. At 5:30 p.m. at Christ Church, the liturgy of the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist will take place. On the five Wednesdays in March, we will join our friends from Ascension Lutheran Church for worship and fellowship (Our friends from Salem might also be with us).

We worship at 11 o'clock Wednesday mornings at Ascension and at 7 o'clock Wednesday evenings at Ascension or Christ Church. If you attend the morning service, you are welcome to stay for soup lunch afterward.

At six o'clock on Wednesday evening, March 8th, we will host a soup supper before the service at our church. We plan to have a choice of three soups, crackers, and bars. We need your presence and help.

At six o'clock on Wednesday evening, March 22nd, we will have coffee and dessert before the service at our church. We need your presence and help.

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

Let us keep a holy Lent.

- *The Rev. Henry Doyle*



Do you wonder where your thank offerings have gone and the impact that they have? Here's the story of a 2022 grant to the Diocese of Lweru in Tanzania to "Construct three shallow wells in three villages of Muleba district to reduce the impact of climate change." This is from their mid-year report, as this grant is in process.

The project goal is to minimize the impacts resulted from climate change by constructing two wells and planting trees in community lands. We have constructed two wells in two villages of Rubya and Karutanga; these two wells have been completed and the community has started to get clean and safe water. Right now, women and children do not walk long distances to fetch water in those villages. We have established two tree nurseries at Rubungo



and Kimbugu where we have grown 3,600,000 trees. Trees will be planted soon because enough rains have started to fall.

The community of Rubya and Karutanga is now enjoying access to clean and safe water. Most parents say that currently there are few cases of typhoid and stomach diseases in their families. They believe that it is because of drinking clean and safe water from wells. Before construction of water wells the community members consumed water from open sources which are contaminated. Therefore, the climate change has contributed to drought and reduction of water volume to the available water sources. This led the community to use contaminated water.

- *Gail Thurnau*

It's Greek To Me – *Repent!*

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." – Matthew 3:2

The word 'repent' is a familiar one to Christians. But it is possible to have a somewhat skewed understanding of the word. We get a sense from how it appears in various Bible texts that it means to be sorry for our sins and to seek forgiveness. For some, it may even mean 'feel bad' about your sins or yourself.

The Greek word that gets translated as 'repent' is *μετανοεῖτε* (metanoete). It comes from two words – meta and noeo. Meta means 'with' or 'after' and refers to an after-effect of a cause. Noeo means 'understand, think, consider, conceive, apprehend'. So, the word 'repent' in Greek literally means to 'after-think', implying to change your mind after considering the results of previous choices: to change one's mind or purpose.

As is often the case, words that we in English have culturally attached emotional qualities to are, in the original languages, referring to choices and the will, not the emotions. Emotions may accompany various choices, but they are not the action that the scripture is calling for. With or without emotions (whether it is feeling sorry, remorseful or guilty), we are being called to rethink our lives and make intelligent changes to our lives to conform more closely to the image of God within us.

So, as we enter into Lent, let us take God's invitation to think with wisdom, look at our lives honestly, and with or without emotion, make intelligent choices that will bring us deeper into Christ's life. Our part is to choose – God's part is to supply the grace that make those choices real in our lives.

- *George M. Favell*

Formation for Priesthood Update

This has been a busy year! I have taken a heavy load of classes and workshops, along with beginning my internship at Christ Church in Austin.

I have been able to compress 3 years worth of classes into about 1.5 years (one of the advantages of being retired!). For five courses I was allowed to write a short thesis for each, given that I have a BA in Theology, did Diaconal Formation in the 80's and many years experience in ministry, here and abroad. The remaining courses now, with the exception of one course only offered in the fall, will be completed by this June of 2023.

The current plan is to reinstate me to the diaconate any day now and then for me to continue my internship in Austin until I am ordained priest.

- *George M. Favell*

Way Back When



Do you remember when Grace and Jim Tomson were the faithful deliverers of food collected in our food basket to the Salvation Army? Well, Christ Church's food basket is back in the front entry and is again collecting non-perishable food which is being delivered to the Ecumenical Food Pantry located at First Presbyterian Church and is being delivered by myself. Let's see if we can fill this basket and this need in our community! As the sign in the basket says "Hunger has no season".

- *Gail Thurnau*

Worship Schedule for February

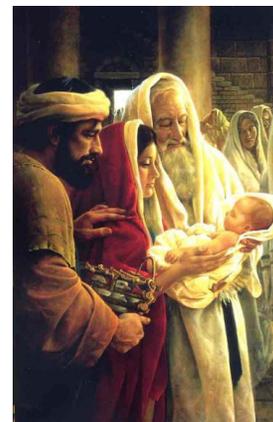
Sunday, February 5, 2023 – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist 10:30am
ANNUAL MEETING After Service

Sunday, February 12, 2023 – 6th Sunday after the Epiphany
Morning Prayer 10:30am

Sunday, February 19, 2023 – Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist 10:30am

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – ASH WEDNESDAY
Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes – 5:30pm

Sunday, February 26, 2023 – 1st Sunday of Lent
Holy Eucharist and The Great Litany - 10:30am



The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple - February 2

In conversion you are not attached primarily to an order, nor to an institution, nor a movement, nor a set of beliefs, nor a code of action - you are attached primarily to a Person, and secondarily to these other things. - E. Stanley Jones

The Annual Meeting!

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2023, following the 10:30 celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Shaft family will host the brunch. Between 12:05 and 12:15, the meeting will start. One major topic is the use of the pre-filled Communion cups.



ASH WEDNESDAY - February 22

The American Legion Post 56 in Albert Lea is hosting a Fund-raiser Breakfast every 4th Sunday of the month, from 8am to 12:30 pm!

Depolarizing: Respecting Others With Different Beliefs

The Episcopal Church in Minnesota, Braver Angels and the Episcopal House of Prayer invite you to a workshop designed to give congregations the tools to bring Americans together, bridge the partisan divide, and inspire the beloved community.

- Americans no longer see their political opponents as simply wrong or misguided, but as enemies who must be defeated at all costs. We do not accept this.
- Our mission is to strengthen our democratic republic by treating people who disagree with us

with honesty and respect.

- We believe the contemplative approach can equip us to hold opposites in tension. Join us at the ECMN offices at 1101 West Broadway Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55411 or via Zoom on Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 9:00am to 3:30pm. There is no charge to attend and lunch will be provided if you let us know you are coming at: ECMNBraverAngelsEHOP@gmail.com. If you wish to attend via Zoom, please email us at ECMNBraverAngelsEHOP@gmail.com and we

will send the Zoom link prior to the workshop.

New Revised Common Lectionary Sunday Readings

Eucharist Lectionary – Year A - Daily Office Lectionary – Year 1

5-Feb	Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]	Psalm 112:1-9, (10)	1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]	Matthew 5:13-20
12-Feb	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
19-Feb	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
26-Feb	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

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Vestry: Jeff Shaft

Music Director: Gail Thurnau

Treasurer: Joy Shaft

Parish Administrator/Secretary:

George M. Favell

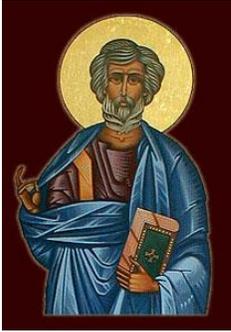
Fr. Henry - Please keep me in the loop

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 Scripture

We have courage in God's presence, because we are sure that he hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will. ¹⁵ He hears us whenever we ask him; and since we know this is true, we know also that he gives us what we ask from him. – I John 5:14-15

Meditation Prayer



St. Matthias - February 24

We are drawn to your feet in worship
Your creation facing its creator
Hearts laid bare by your light
Humbly asking for your mercy.
We come to you as a people in need
of assurance and forgiveness.
We come to you as a people in need
of healing and wholeness.
We come dependent upon your love.
Draw us close.
Enfold us in your arms.
Fill us with your Spirit
that we might reflect your light
within this dark world,
speak your Word with boldness
and draw others to your feet.
We ask this through your dear Son Jesus Christ.
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
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 5)

CHURCHES OF THE MESSIAH

Prairie Island, St. Paul

ANNIVERSARIES

2/5 Beth Royalty, p 2000

2/6 Blair Pogue, p 2001

6 EPIPHANY (February 12)

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/13 Brian N. Prior, b 2010
- 2/15 Alice Mae Applequist, p 1997
Katherine Lewis, p 1997
George Martin, p 1968
- 2/17 Gretchen Roeck, p 2011

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (February 19)

SS. MARTHA & MARY Egan

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/19 Joe Piette, p 2009
- 2/21 Stephen Schaitberger, p 1971

1 LENT (February 26)

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

Minnetonka

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/28 Edith Patterson, d 1987
Robert Miller, p 1971
- 3/1 James Riley, p 1960
Michael Tippett, p 1995



Reach out to a

loving God during

this Lenten season.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer

February 2023

Wednesday 1 February 2023

The Diocese of Pelotas – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
(1 Province)

Thursday 2 February 2023

Candlemas

The Diocese of Pennsylvania – The Episcopal Church
(III (3) Province)

Friday 3 February 2023

The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania – The Episcopal Church
(III (3) Province)

Saturday 4 February 2023

The Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania – The Episcopal Church
(III (3) Province)

Sunday 5 February 2023

3rd Sunday before Lent

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Monday 6 February 2023

The Territory of the People – The Anglican Church of Canada
(BC and Yukon Province)

Tuesday 7 February 2023

The Diocese of Perth – The Anglican Church of Australia
(Western Australia Province)

Wednesday 8 February 2023

The Diocese of Peru – The Anglican Church of South America

Thursday 9 February 2023

The Diocese of Peshawar – The (united) Church of Pakistan

Friday 10 February 2023

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

Saturday 11 February 2023

The Diocese of Central Philippines – Philippines

Sunday 12 February 2023

2nd Sunday before Lent

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Monday 13 February 2023

The Diocese of North Central Philippines – Philippines

Tuesday 14 February 2023

The Diocese of Northern Philippines – Philippines

Wednesday 15 February 2023

The Diocese of Southern Philippines – Philippines

Thursday 16 February 2023

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

Friday 17 February 2023

The Diocese of Pittsburgh – The Episcopal Church
(III (3) Province)

Saturday 18 February 2023

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

Sunday 19 February 2023

Sunday next before Lent.

Joseph of Nazareth

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Monday 20 February 2023

The Diocese of Popondota – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Tuesday 21 February 2023

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

Wednesday 22 February 2023

Ash Wednesday

The Diocese of Pretoria – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Thursday 23 February 2023

The Diocese of Puerto Rico – The Episcopal Church
(IX (9) Province)

Friday 24 February 2023

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

Saturday 25 February 2023

The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Missionary Diocese of Pyay – The Church of the Province of Myanmar

Sunday 26 February 2023

1st Sunday of Lent

The Scottish Episcopal Church

Monday 27 February 2023

The Diocese of Qu'Appelle – The Anglican Church of Canada
(Rupert's Land Province)

Tuesday 28 February 2023

The Diocese of Quebec – The Anglican Church of Canada
(Canada Province)

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Chair Yoga – 9am**	2 THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE Church Office Open – 9-1	3	4
5 5 th Sunday after the Epiphany – Holy Eucharist – 10:30am ANNUAL MTG	6 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	7	8 Chair Yoga – 9am**	9 Church Office Open – 9-1	10	11
12 6 th Sunday after the Epiphany – Morning Prayer – 10:30am	13 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	14	15 Chair Yoga – 9am**	16 Church Office Open – 9-1	17	18
19 Last Sunday after the Epiphany – Holy Eucharist – 10:30am	20 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY – Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes – 5:30pm Chair Yoga – 9am**	23 Church Office Open – 9-1	24 SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE	25
26 1 st Sunday of Lent – Holy Eucharist – 10:30am	27 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	28				

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

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

Vestry Minutes

November 27th, 2023

Opening Prayer

Father Henry Update – He gave an update on some of the families that have been in church the past few weeks. We are so happy to see a new face at any service.

Senior Warden Update – Complemented the service and all the musicians for Our Thanksgiving service. Her thanks went out to all those who showed up and those who volunteered their time. We have purchased 21 blankets for our gifting to the Salvation Army.

Junior Warden Update – No updates from Mike

Financials – Paid B&B for the leaf removal, it was a little more expensive than last year, but we contacted them late. The Diocese is increasing our monthly assessment to \$10,031, we currently pay \$1,010 a month, so the increase is minute. Savile made a motion to approve the financials as presented, Mike seconded. All approved. Jeff made a motion to approve the increase in our monthly Diocesan assessment, Mike seconded, all approved.

Old Business - none

New Business

- B & B is an option to do regular lawn care – we will talk with them about being on their calendar for a fall and spring clean up, and clarify a standing price.
- Training and use of new wifi – Wifi password is on the board

- Training on filming/facebook - We are ready to move forward with training and Posting services to Face book now that the wifi is ready in the entire building.
- Annual Meeting / First Sunday in February - February 5th - Please plan to attend
- Reports for the Annual Meeting are due Jan 19th. This is early this year, but it is because George has surgery out of town on January 22-24 and may not be able to come in to work on Thursday. January 26th
- Front yard lights do not work – We would like an electrician to come review the lights and why they are not turning on. We would get to have the fuses replaced with breakers, but that is \$10,000 and the electrical box needs to be relabelled.

Strategic Planning - no update

Closing Prayer

January 8, 2023

Present Mike, Savile, Jeff, Kenneth and Father Henry

Opening Prayer - Father Henry opened with a lovely call to prayer.

Father Henry Update – Father Henry does not have much of an update. He received an email from George about a surgery he is having and will be out 2 weeks. He has prepared to have all the bulletins done up until February 5th. He will be out from the 19th of January.

Senior Warden Report – Savile has not submitted the November Vestry notes yet. She will do so this coming week.

Junior Warden Update – There was ice in the boiler room, the boiler is working so well that room is quite cool. The threshold needs to be replaced, or even the whole door. We will look at that in the spring. We will use a draft dodger in the meantime. To help with the work Paul is doing, we will create a check list. Father Henry will call and talk to him about it.

Financials – Our Minnesota Energy Resources bill for natural gas service was \$1800 in December that is at an all time high. The Vestry is only looking at Novembers financial report, since Decembers is not ready as it is still early in January, so 2022 has not been closed yet. Savile made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Jeff seconded the motion. All approved. Since we are not able to approve the 2023 budget at this time, we will do it online prior to the Annual meeting.

Old Business

- Lawn service - we are still waiting for cost breakdown from 2 companies for
- Charge for snow removal - we have not received the first bill, but will ask that the snow removal company be reminded of what we need to have done.
- Lent we need to remind Clemencia – February 22nd, is Ash Wednesday, Wednesday's will be at 7:00 for our service, we will split the service between 2 or 3 churches for the others. Easter is April 9th

- Assessment - We have not heard from the Treasurer at the church about our assessment. Father Henry will send a follow up note.

New Business

- Supply Clergy – Rev Chris will not be renewing her licensing, so she no longer be a supply priest. We do have a couple options, we could also do a service with the Lutherans. Or do 2 Morning prayers for the months that Father Henry has multiple weeks off. This will be most likely during the summer.
- Confirmation Program Sophie Paulsen will be confirmed in spring 2024, so we will start her confirmation in the spring, take off the summer, and do the fall.

Strategic Planning - no updates

Closing prayer

Reminders:

- February 5th is Annual meeting, Joy is going to make a hot dish.
- The church office will be closed from January 19th till atleast February 8th.