



# St. Christopher's *e-Traveler*

A new way to get the WORD out

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## FROM THE RECTOR



THE REV. JOHN F. DWYER

RECTOR

We have had quite a January! Really, this has been an amazing way to begin the New Year here at St. Christopher's. The first wave of Renewal Projects have been substantially completed with: the lighting of our steeples and stained glass windows, the cantilevered balcony's removal, the installation of power assist doors, new carpet put down facility-wide, the painting of the Gathering Room and our liturgical furniture, a very successful beginning of our fundraiser for the purchase of the Rieger Pipe Organ. We have launched our *e-Traveler* and our *Traveler Journal*. We have hosted our East Metro Episcopal sisters and brothers in a Mission Area Gathering to share our mission work and passions. We met as a corporate body and did the business of St. Christopher's in a fruitful, passionate and fun manner. We were gifted a wonderful musical offering from the Gift of Music Program featuring viola and piano. And we have had our share of the un-expected: from the death of beloved members, to the failure of our lighting system in the church proper. We have also been honored in being asked by The Episcopal Church in Minnesota to be one of their mentoring sites for those seeking Ordination to the Diaconate. We will be meeting potential candidates, who will be with us from Lent through the end of Pentecost, in February. Phew, what a month!

Some of the highlights of this coming month of February are: our Barn Dance, the Shrove Tuesday Rice Pancake fundraiser for First Nations' Kitchen, the Cabin Fever party, the Farkel party, a Not-So-Solemn Evensong, a chamber music presentation, the start of our Sunday evening non-traditional Eucharist, Ash Wednesday, Thursday evening Lenten Soup, Supper and Conversations, a Friday Evening (during Lent) service of Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist. All of these events are in addition to the "normal" monthly activities that go on around here. We have another interesting, exciting and busy 29 days ahead of us. Much to look forward to, much to plan...all done keeping in mind the building of the Kingdom we are all called upon to participate in as Christ's Body in the world today.

My friend and Episcopal priest, The Rev. Barbara Crafton, has said, referring to times of hectic holiness that can be so much a part of church-land, "*Some things will be just the same of course. The important ones endure. Prayer will be here, soaking into these walls as it always has done. The Holy Eucharist will be here, transforming the very table upon which bread and wine sit – from the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, to a messroom table on a dirty merchant vessel, where you have to move the Tabasco sauce and salt shakers out of the way in order to lay out the chalice and the paten. I*

*have never seen an altar that did not glow when the homely elements of bread and wine became Body and Blood upon it. And I have never seen the people who receive them not glow, either."*

As we enter into this holy period of Lent in mid-February, amidst and amongst the shifts happening around us here at St. Christopher's - and in Roseville, and in greater Minnesota, and in our beloved country, and in the world of which we are a part - remembering that some things do not change, the important things endure, can help us with the messiness that can be our present day existence. Prayer and being a Eucharist-centered people helps us remember that which is of greatest import.

A holy, healing and blessed Lent to all,

*John+*

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## THE DEACON DISCUSSES



THE REV.  
JANET  
MACNALLY  
DEACON

It is good to back and able to type once again! I have been practicing the art of patient waiting with my adventure with a dislocated elbow. Please don't misunderstand, there are many, many things to be grateful for; no broken bones, no surgery required for repair and return to function, no pain and the love, prayers and support of family (both home and St. Christopher's) and friends. This truly is the best of all possible outcomes, but I am eagerly awaiting being rid of the brace and a return to my entire wardrobe. Still it has been an epiphany of sorts. It is truly amazing at how we are able to adapt when necessary. I have become somewhat proficient at using my left hand for most things that need doing, eating, dressing, carrying just to name a few. I have become familiar and settled with what has become a new normal. Things change and we settle in, so the unfamiliar becomes the familiar and we continue on as if nothing had changed.

The same can be said for the Church herself. Jesus called the disciples to join him in mission, fishing for people. The message was powerful, but different, and at first not totally accepted. But they stayed on course and soon the travelling with and listening to Jesus became their lives. We know that things took a radical shift in Jerusalem three years later, and although they were scared and unsure of what to do next, they soon accepted the change that called for them to no longer follow the preacher, but become the preachers themselves. As the Church began to grow and spread, the normal began to change once again. All through out her history, the Church, having been stirred up by the Holy Spirit, has been called into change. Sometimes the change came with great excitement, sometimes with a great deal of pain and hurt, but the thing to remember is this; the Church always opted for the change rather than standing in the past. And in the end, the change always signaled a time of great renewal and growth.

The Holy Spirit has been busy here at St. Christopher's too. Although not on a grand and epic scale,

we have been shifting and changing as we seek to make our worship space refreshed and renewed as we seek to offer liturgies that are at a new time and have a new focus, all to welcome new families into the family that is St. Christopher's. All of this is change that will signal renewal and growth. Change that will nourish, strengthen and empower us to live into our baptismal covenant, to reach out in love beyond the doors of St. Christopher's.

Although change is never easy, it can and often brings forth great and exciting offerings. What wonders the Holy Spirit has in store for us are yet to be manifest. But there is an excitement in the air, a promise of good things yet to come. May we all enter into the dance of the Spirit as she weaves for us the promise renewal and growth, the promise of strong and passionate future!

**Amen,**  
**Deacon Janet**

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### **Lenten Series: *Does Prayer...?***

**"Does Prayer...?"** will be the theme for our Lenten Series this March. We will be delving more deeply into prayer than ever before, asking questions such as

- Where does one go when one prays?
- Does our prayer change God?
- Does prayer make a difference?
- Does liturgy ride the wave from one prayer to another?
- Does prayer heal us?

All these questions, and more, will be explored in this five-week series meeting Thursdays, March 1-29. We will begin at 6 PM with a light supper, then have our discussion from 6:45-7:45, and conclude with everyone together at 7:45 for a time of closing. All are invited. Stay tuned for more details.

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THE REV.  
WANDA  
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ASSOCIATE  
RECTOR

### **M\*A\*S\*H\* Returns During Lent**

The wildly popular TV series, M\*A\*S\*H\*, will be the video focus for the Youth Lenten Series this year. Selected episodes will be used, with each of our five sessions focusing on a different topic. We will join with other members for supper, then begin the program at 6:45. Youth will gather back as part of the whole at 7:45 for a closing prayer. Look for more details about each week's program on the Youth bulletin board.

Set during the Korean War and using historical references from that time and geography, the series grew out of the 1970 movie of the same name. While Korea is ostensibly the setting, many of the situations reflected our nation's reaction to the Vietnam War, just winding down as the series began. Using the backdrop of war, the series focused primarily on human interactions and foibles, and as such is timeless and universal in topics covered.

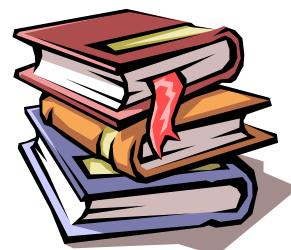
**If anyone has this series on DVD and would be willing to loan it to us, please contact Rev. Wanda.**



## From the Bookshelf

Cap Hanson

Compiled by the Minnesota Council of Churches' Refugee Services committee, the book titled ***This Much I Can Tell You*** recounts approximately 18 personal accounts of courage, hope, problems and successes of refugees from Somalia, Liberia, and seven other nations. Thank you to the anonymous donor.



A question has been asked, as to which category has had the most readership. It's difficult to determine, however, the Self Improvement section is among the leaders. A new acquisition to that collection has the title ***Succeeding When You're Supposed to Fail***.

The winter editions of ***Forward Day by Day*** have been placed on the tract rack *which is now located next to the water fountain in the lower narthex!* The pamphlets, as well as all materials on the tract rack, are free; however, donations are appreciated. The meditations are also available on the Forward Movement website.

## Thank You

From an ***Adopt-A-Family*** Recipient:

From the bottom of my heart, I say thank you. Your gift of giving has allowed my children to receive gifts where they otherwise would not have. Times are hard and sometimes I don't see relief in sight, but this holiday season will be a joyous one for my entire family because of the help of beautiful people like you, Thank you very much and happy holidays.

## Weekly Worship Schedule:

**Sunday:** 8 AM and 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday:** 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist and 6:15 PM Healing Eucharist, in the Chapel.

**Sunday, February 12th at 5:30 PM,** our new Sunday evening, non-traditional service begins. Please join us, and, spread the word!

**Ash Wednesday Service Schedule:** 7:30 AM in the Chapel;  
9:30 AM in the Church, and  
6:15 PM in the Church.

## Adult Forum: Falling Upward

On March 11 and 18, the Sunday morning Adult Forum will explore Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward*. Please sign up on the appropriate sheet in the upper narthex. Cost is between \$10 and \$13 depending on the number of copies we purchase.

Rohr gives a brief insight into this subject as taken from the Q and A Review section of the Amazon website:

**Q&A with Author Richard Rohr**

## What do you mean by the two halves of life?

The phrase “two halves of life” was first popularized by Carl Jung, the Swiss psychologist. He says that there are two major tasks. In the first half [of life] you've got to find your identity, your significance; you create your ego boundaries, your ego structure, what I call “the creating of the container.” But that's just to get you started. In the second half of life, once you've created your ego structure, you finally have the courage to ask: What is this all for? What am I supposed to do with this? Is it just to protect it, to promote it, to defend it, or is there some deeper purpose? The search for meaning is the task of the second half of life. (This is not always a chronological matter – I've met 11 year-old children in cancer wards who are in the second half of life, and I have met 68 year-old men like me who are still in the first half of life.)

For more, see [http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0470907754/sr=8-1/qid=1327958205/ref=olp\\_product\\_details?ie=UTF8&me=&qid=1327958205&sr=8-1&seller=](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0470907754/sr=8-1/qid=1327958205/ref=olp_product_details?ie=UTF8&me=&qid=1327958205&sr=8-1&seller=)



Author Richard Rohr

## Notable dates in February

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Christopher Mayr  
Jane Suilman
- 2 Dan Brown
- 3 Russ Blankenfeld  
Maxine Kuehnel  
Kelly Peterson
- 5 Pam Hove  
Jill Miel
- 6 Mary Armitage  
Joshua Bayer  
James Roemer
- 8 Delores Hartzell
- 9 Wendy Brilowski  
Jacqueline Hanna  
Wyatte Pearson
- 11 Jean Brown
- 12 Lindsey Erickson
- 16 Carolyn Carlson  
Cora Lacher  
Julia Lacher  
Pat Liener



- 18 Brian Walters
- 19 Robert Allen  
Karin Brown  
Jay Jordahl
- 20 Linda Bergum  
Jackson Humes
- 22 Bill Welch
- 23 Pete Snyder
- 25 Steven Hartman

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 John & Lyn Lawyer
- 11 Jerry & Lynn Baxter
- 12 Robert & Janet Harrison
- 14 Richard & Lois Zwieg
- 17 Gesine & Robert Addyman, Jr.
- 18 Henry & Jean Hoover
- 28 Jay & Barb Jordahl



**Over 55 Club:** Our next gathering will be for lunch on February 9th! Please arrive **BY 11:15 a.m.**, as we will have a chance to watch the children of the MN Chinese Day Care dance for us at 11:30! Lunch follows. Lunch cost is \$6 per person.

## Music Notes



KARLA STANDRIDGE COLE

MUSIC DIRECTOR

This isn't so much a column as it is a series of announcements. There's much to tell!




**This Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM**, the choir will present a **Not-so-Solemn Evensong**. Traditionally, evensong is a beautiful meditation of choral and organ music in the gathering twilight. At the moment, we haven't an organ (more about that later) but we do have a piano and a wonderful choir. Some of us went to a gospel music workshop last fall and got a hearty dose of that old time religion with composer/conductor Keith Hampton. I encourage you to put aside your perceptions of what an evensong should be and come out on Sunday afternoon and enjoy our spirited version. I am aware that it's Superbowl Sunday, so I hasten to assure you that you'll have plenty of time to get to your Superbowl party afterwards. The football fanatics in my household will hold us to the timetable!

**The WolfGang** returns on Saturday night, **February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**. They loved our acoustics last fall and I can hardly wait to hear them now that the balcony has been altered. Those of you who have a yen to sit in the back have surely noticed the vast improvement back there. I believe that the whole Gang is coming this time and the program is music from London around the year 1765. One of J. S. Bach's sons was the musical cat's pajamas at the time, and was a driving force in the sea change of musical style from that of his father on toward the Classical style of Mozart and Haydn. Powder your wig and join us for an elegant evening!

I have many **thank yous** – to those of you who carefully deconstructed the organ, saving the recyclable material; the brave (and loud) guys with the saw's-all; those who schlepped debris down out of the balcony and out to the dumpster; the Musical Instrument Committee and the Renewal Committee for getting excited about the possibility of a new organ; the Finance Committee for being the first to see its potential; the Wardens and Clergy for shepherding the organ project (and cheerleading); the Vestry for permission to raise money; and the generous and good-hearted folks who have contributed to the Rieger Pipe Organ. We are almost there! But it is *not too late* to be a part of the new organ. Any contribution is gratefully accepted. If all of this organ stuff is news to you – there are copies of the Organ Report in Cap's library, where you can read all the background, and the thought and planning that went into this very exciting project. Many thanks to everyone who had a hand in helping this dream along!

*Karla Cole*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p><b>1<sup>st</sup></b>            9:30 AM Holy Eucharist-Church            6:15 PM Healing Eucharist-Church            6:30 PM Youth Group-Parish Hall            6:30 PM Roseville AA-Gathering Room/218            7:15 PM Parish Choir -Music Room</p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>            10-11:30 AM Bible Study-Gathering Room            12:30-2 PM OLLI Class-Parish Hall</p> 	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>            10-11:30 AM Yoga-Parish Hall            7 PM Debtors A non-Gathering Room</p>	<p><b>4<sup>th</sup></b>            8 AM OA-Gathering Room            10 AM CIA—#218/ Library            12:30 PM Flute Recital-Church</p>
<p><b>5</b>            8 AM Holy Eucharist            10:30 AM Holy Eucharist            4:00 PM Evensong</p>	<p><b>6</b>            9:30-N Quilters-Parish Hall            11 AM Staff Meeting—Office</p>	<p><b>7<sup>th</sup></b>            9:45 AM OA—#218            7 PM Mediation Group-#218/Chapel            7 PM Altar Guild-Gathering Room</p>	<p><b>8<sup>th</sup></b>            9:30 AM Holy Eucharist-Chapel            6:15 PM Healing Eucharist-Chapel            6:30 PM Youth Group-Parish Hall            6:30 PM Roseville AA-Gathering Room/218            7:15 PM Parish Choir -Music Room</p>	<p><b>9</b>            10-11:30 AM Bible Study-Gathering Room            11:15 AM Over 55 Club—Parish Hall  <i>(Come early: lunch follows the program!)</i></p>	<p><b>10</b>            10-11:30 AM Yoga-Parish Hall            6:30 PM Couples Bridge-Gathering Room</p>	<p><b>11<sup>th</sup></b>            8 AM OA-Gathering Room            6-8:30 PM BARN DANCE in the Parish Hall</p>
<p><b>12<sup>th</sup></b>            8 AM Holy Eucharist            10:30 AM Holy Eucharist            2-5 PM GSVLOC-Parish Hall            5:30 PM Holy Eucharist-Church</p>	<p><b>13</b>            9:30-N Quilters-Parish Hall            11 AM Staff Meeting—Office            7 PM Finance Committee-Parish Hall</p>	<p><b>14<sup>th</sup></b>            9:45 AM OA—#218            6 PM Scottish Dance -Parish Hall</p> 	<p><b>15<sup>th</sup></b>            9:30 AM Holy Eucharist-Chapel            6:15 PM Healing Eucharist-Chapel            6:30 PM Youth Group-Parish Hall            6:30 PM Roseville AA-Gathering Room/218            7:15 PM Parish Choir -Music Room</p>	<p><b>16<sup>th</sup></b>            10-11:30 AM Bible Study-Gathering Room            12:30-2 PM OLLI Class-Parish Hall</p>	<p><b>17</b>            10-11:30 AM Yoga-Parish Hall</p>	<p><b>18<sup>th</sup></b>            8 AM OA-Gathering Room            10 AM CIA—#218/ Library            5:30 PM FARKLE PARTY in the Parish Hall</p>
<p><b>19<sup>th</sup></b>            8 AM Holy Eucharist            10:30 AM Holy Eucharist            2-5 PM GSVLOC-Parish Hall            5:30 PM Holy Eucharist-Church</p>	<p><b>20</b>            9:30-N Quilters-Parish Hall            11 AM Staff Meeting—Office            6:45 PM Vesty-Parish Hall (Tentative)</p>	<p><b>21<sup>st</sup></b>            9:45 AM OA—#218            6 PM Shrove Tuesday Brent-Parish Hall            7 PM Mediation Group-#218/Chapel            7 PM Bonsai Society-#219</p>	<p><b>22<sup>nd</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY</b>            7:30 AM Holy Eucharist-Chapel            9:30 AM Holy Eucharist-Church            6:15 PM Healing Eucharist-Church            6:30 PM Youth Group-Parish Hall            7:15 PM Parish Choir</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <i>E-Traveler Deadline</i>            10-11:30 AM Bible Study-Gathering Room            6:30 PM Outreach &amp; Justice-Gathering Room</p>	<p><b>24</b>            10-11:30 AM Yoga-Parish Hall            6:15 PM Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist-Church</p>	<p><b>25<sup>th</sup></b>            8 AM OA-Gathering Room            7:30 PM <i>The Wolf Gang (Church)</i></p>
<p><b>26<sup>th</sup></b>            8 AM Holy Eucharist            10:30 AM Holy Eucharist            2-5 PM GSVLOC-Parish Hall            5:30 PM Holy Eucharist-Church</p>	<p><b>27</b>            9:30-N Quilters-Parish Hall            11 AM Staff Meeting—Office</p>	<p><b>28<sup>th</sup></b>            9:45 AM OA—#218            6 PM Scottish Dance -Parish Hall            6:30 PM AGGS-Gathering Room</p>	<p><b>29<sup>th</sup></b>            9:30 AM Holy Eucharist-Chapel            6:15 PM Healing Eucharist-Chapel            6:30 PM Youth Group-Parish Hall            6:30 PM Roseville AA-Gathering Room/218            7:15 PM Parish Choir -Music Room</p>			



## Footprints - February 2012



**Renewal for our Youngest Parishioners:** Please notice that when the cantilever balcony was removed in the sanctuary, we chose not to replace one of the back pews. This has increased the size of our "soft space" that is available for small children and their parents. We will rotate toys and books through this space, making sure to clean and sanitize them between uses. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Marion.

**All Parish Barn Dance**—Join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Saturday, February 11th 5:30-8:30. Chili contest, Jell-O contest, potluck supper and square dancing. Tickets are on sale now—\$5/person or \$10/family. Beer, wine, and alternative beverages will be provided.

**Pizza, Singing and Bowling, Oh My!** On Sunday, February 26th, the archangel choir will share their lovely music with residents of the Episcopal Church Home. This is a family event that will begin with pizza lunch at St. Christopher's after the 10:30 service, followed by singing at the church home and then bowling at Flaherty's in Arden Hills. All families are welcome, whether they are in the choir or not.

### Children's Lenten Series

*Note: Our Lenten programming will be on Thursday nights this year*

The Episcopal Church in MN Mission Project 2012 focuses on alleviating poverty. The children of St. Christopher's will learn about the Christian call to help people in need. Children will study places where people live in poverty, they will study the teachings of Jesus, and they will engage in a variety of efforts to help people who are hungry. This program is based on the "Helping Hungry People" curriculum provided by the nonprofit organization "Bread for the World."

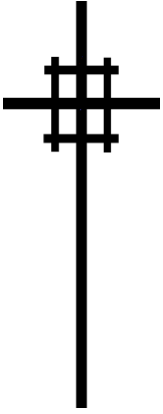
Our 5 session series shows the children that they can help by:

1. Collecting food for the food shelf
2. Collecting money for Feed My Starving Children (and packing food the week after Easter)
3. Offering prayers for those afflicted by hunger
4. Writing letters to representatives to encourage funding for people living in poverty
5. Using their talents to help prepare the Giving Garden for it's spring planting

### Bishop's Family Day

Saturday, April 21st 9:30am - 3:00pm—Come to St. Marks Cathedral (Mpls) and enjoy a day of activities, music and fun while traveling around the Liturgical Calendar. This is an opportunity for children PK—5th grade and their parents/grandparents/godparents/any adult who wants to impact the spiritual life of a child. The morning will be set up for whole family activities, while the afternoon will provide different opportunities for parents and their children. The day concludes with Holy Eucharist.





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