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From the RECTOR



The Rev.
John F. Dwyer
Rector

We begin our Program Year on Sunday, September 11th. That Sunday will be the last of our summer schedule with all of us together at 9:30. The next Sunday, September 18th, we will return to our Program Year service schedule: Eucharistic Services at 8 AM and 10:30 AM, with Formation and Choir rehearsals occurring between the services. On that Sunday, the 18th, we will ask that a survey be completed (similar to last year) providing your leadership with feedback on our Summer Sunday Service Schedule.

On our Start-Up Sunday, September 11th, there will be a "Jamboree" following the 9:30 service. Paying homage to the State Fair just finished, we will have "food on a stick" for all to enjoy as we celebrate all of the great missional work our teams and groups have done the past year, as well as celebrate their plans for the coming year. Please come and join in the joyfulness of celebrating our great work together (and eating some terrific food at the same time.)

On our first Program Year Sunday (9/11/16), we will be utilizing a new Eucharistic Bread, baked in-house, that will be a gluten-free pita. The staff have experimented with this bread and found it easy to make and sturdy enough for those who intinct. (It is tasty too!) The staff will bake the first month's quantity of bread. The Youth and Children of the Parish, overseen by the respective directors of those groups, will bake the bread for the Program Year. This will allow our children and youth to participate in our services in a unique and important way. This bread, which is

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made up of two different kinds of rice flours, does have corn syrup as part of its makeup. For those with corn allergies, we will have a separate paten with the wheat wafers we have been using these past few years.

We are continuing the same regimen as last year in regard to Sunday Adult Formation. The first and third Sundays, between services, are reserved for Adult Forum. The second, fourth and fifth Sundays are available for meetings by our teams and groups between the two services. We ask that no meetings be planned on the first and third Sundays, and that all meetings be scheduled through our Parish Administrator, Ruth Thillen, to aid in managing conflicts on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays.

The fall Adult Forums will be Bible Study. A schedule will be available on Start-Up Sunday and the following Sundays. The "Spring" Adult Forum (January-May) will be focused on the topic of racism, with a book study and presentations by guest visitors. The centerpiece of those discussions will be the book "A Good Time For the Truth: Race In Minnesota." Other books will be made part of this journey we will take together. Details on this program will be provided later in the fall.

Also on Start-Up Sunday, we hope to be able to have the official launch of our new website, with laptops available for interested parishioners to explore our new site. More information about the new website can be found later in this edition of the e-Traveler in the article by the website's creator, Carrie Hunner. Thank you Carrie, for all your hard and diligent work in creating a useful, dynamic, and exciting new website.

As we enter our Program Year, a "new year," and as so many other activities gear-up anew after a sleepy-summer, it seems appropriate to end this article with a New Year's Covenant Service from a prayer book entitled Celtic Daily Prayer. The service is called Light a Candle in the Darkness.

Light a candle in the darkness
 Light a candle in the night
 Let the love of Jesus light us
 Light a candle in the night.

Light one candle for the strength that we need
 to never become our own foes.
 Light one candle for those that are suffering
 a pain we hope will pass soon.
 Light one candle for all we believe in;
 let the love of Jesus keep us together.
 Light one candle to bind us together
 for this is the song in our heart.

Don't let the light go out;
 it's lasted for so many years,
 Don't let the light go out;

Director of Music
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 Rev. Janet MacNally,
 Deacon
 Rev. John F. Dwyer,
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Our SUMMER Schedule (ENDS September 11!)

Sunday:

9:30 AM

Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM

Fellowship

Wednesday:

12:15 PM

Holy Eucharist-
 Chapel

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
 9 AM - 4 PM

Our PROGRAM YEAR (Begins 9/18) Schedule

Sunday:

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM

Fellowship

9:00-9:25 AM

Archangels

-Music Room

9:30-10:20 AM

Children's

Education

-Room 107

9:30-10:15 AM

Youth Education

-Youth Room

let it shine through our love and our tears.

Light a candle in the darkness
 Light a candle in the night
 Let the love of Jesus light us
 Light a candle in the night.

Blessings and Peace,



The Deacon Discusses



The Rev.
 Janet MacNally,
 Deacon

One of the things that left a lasting impression on me as I completed work on my Master's thesis, was the deep and abiding regard Bishop Whipple, James Lloyd Breck and Samuel Hinman held for the Native peoples of Minnesota. There was deep respect for their language, customs and ways of worship, much of which was incorporated into the Episcopal liturgies that were celebrated in the small but thriving mission congregations. What was fair, what was honest, what was just in the dealings with the Native Americans was something that these men fought for as well, with Bishop Whipple making more than one journey to Washington D.C. to plead with then President Abraham Lincoln for justice for Dakota and Ojibwa. Whipple's final trip was to plead for clemency for the over 300 Dakota sentenced to hang for their involvement in the 1862 U.S. Dakota War. And although the majority of those condemned were pardoned, thirty eight hanged in the largest U.S. execution to date. These three clergymen and their efforts are truly at the center of our life and legacy as the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

And so it was with a mixture of memory and concern that I began to hear of the state of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation located in North Dakota. News articles, television stories, pieces from our Presiding Bishop Curry and from the current bishop of Minnesota, Brian, who echoes his predecessor's beliefs, serve to remind me of where we all have come from and how far we have yet to travel. The issues surrounding the people of Standing Rock revolve around the placement of an oil pipeline

9:30-10:15 AM
 Adult Education
 -Chapel
 (1st & 3rd)
10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist
11:30 AM
 Fellowship

Wednesday:

12:15 PM
Holy Eucharist
 -Chapel

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
 9 AM - 4 PM

Knitting Ministry

Knitting resumes for the coming year on September 8th, meeting in the library from 1.00 - 2.30pm 2nd Thursday of each month through May 2017. All knitters and crocheter's are welcome

Short Takes

NOTE:
IT IS COMING!

What is coming?

The Silent Auction!



November 5-6, 2016

Stay tuned; more

that is slated to traverse across and under not only the Missouri River, which is considered to be sacred water, but across hallowed burial grounds as well. The pipeline, if completed, would carry 540,000 barrels of crude oil through the sacred grounds on a daily basis.[1] A rupture in the infrastructure could wreak untold devastation on the sacred ground as well as pollute the waters of the Missouri which is not only sacred water, but water that Standing Rock depends on for its daily needs. Not only would this have a catastrophic effect on the current eco-system, it would dramatically impact our marginalized Native brothers and sisters in a profound manner. Both Bishop Brian and Presiding Bishop Curry have stressed that this is not only a matter of preserving the sacred land, but also a matter of safeguarding, or being good stewards, if you will, of the glory that is God's creation and gift to us all.

As you can imagine, there has been a bit of bother (as my British classmates would say) surrounding the efforts of the Standing Rock community to have the U.S. government reroute the pipeline so that the waters of the Missouri and the hallowed burial grounds are left untouched. The people of Standing Rock are not alone in their efforts. They are standing in solidarity, according to several news sources, with hundreds of other indigenous nations and allies. And according to an article by the Huffington Post of 8/28/2016, that "Despite the media accounts to the contrary, this gathering of nations to protest the Dakota Access Pipeline are Spirit Camps of thoughtful prayer." They go on to report that there are several other Spiritual Warriors who have gathered in "joyful celebration and unity." All of them praising and giving thanks for the God-given gift of water upon which we all depend. "Several young women" writes the Huffington Post, "from the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, wanted to make it very clear that they are 'standing for our water,'" much the way their ancestors have done for generations. The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe was formed in 1863, when the Dakota who were gathered up and imprisoned in the shadow of Fort Snelling following the U.S. Dakota war were moved by steamboat down the Mississippi to the Missouri to Crow Creek. The Reverend Samuel Hinman went to the prison camp with his congregation, traveled with them to Crow Creek and stayed with them as their pastor. And so the Episcopal Church became an important part of the Crow Creek Reservation then and today as well. In fact, in a posting on the Episcopal News Service on 8/25/2016 reports that the Episcopal Church has rallied behind the people of Standing Rock. And so it seems we in Minnesota have been able to witness things coming full circle as the church once again holds a deep respect for the Native peoples of this country.



information to come.

New Website!

The Website is coming!

By Carrie Hunner

My name is Carrie Hunner. I have been attending St. Christopher's since I was a toddler, and I have been a Girl Scout since kindergarten. These two parts of my life crossed last summer when I decided to pursue my Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. It requires a minimum of 80 hours of work, a project proposal, an oral presentation to members of the Girl Scout Council, a final report, and it must be sustainable and benefit the community. For my Girl Scout Gold Award I chose to rebuild St. Christopher's website.

Last summer, I started my Gold Award journey. After gaining approval from the St. Christopher's staff and Vestry, I submitted my project proposal to the Girl



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Huffington Post Photo

I think that it is important to remember that the people gathered together have indeed gathered in prayer. Bishop Curry writes "while we cannot all physically stand in the Camp of Sacred Stones today" we can add our prayers to those who have gathered in prayer for the preservation of sacred ground and life-giving water that given to us all by our Creator. In the spirit of Whipple, Breck and Hinman, we can do no less.

[1] Curry, Presiding Bishop Michael; Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs Press Release August 25, 2016.

Amen,
Deacon Janet

Music Notes



Karla Cole,
Music Director

Scout Council. I then went in for my oral presentation and my proposal was approved.

With the paperwork out of the way, I began working with Father John and the Wardens to better understand St. Christopher's needs. After researching various options, we decided on the platform **Weebly**. I began building our new site and learning more about Weebly. This past summer I have been working with the St.

Christopher's staff, the Senior Warden, and various church groups to ensure that our new site shows all that our faith community has to offer. I have also made a binder, YouTube videos and provided a Website Training Session to help site editors learn how to use Weebly and to make future editing easy and possibly even fun.

I am proud to say that the Website is almost completed. Our goal is to have the new site up and running on Sunday, September 11th, however, keep your eyes peeled, because it may be ready before then. Assuming our goal is



Parish Choir rehearsals begin September 7th.

Archangels Choir rehearsals begin September 18th.

Bell Choir rehearsals begin on September 28th, and will continue on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

All are welcome to join in!



Footprints September 2016



News from Children's Ministries



Marion Hunner

Children's Ministries Director



Many thanks to those who donated to our School Supply Drive. I was honored to deliver 7 grocery bags of school supplies and 8 backpacks to Keystone on behalf of St. Christopher's!

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, please note that our final Together at 9:30 service on Sunday, Sept 11, will be followed by a light brunch and Ministry Fair. Registration for Sunday School will begin then, and this is a great chance to learn about the many opportunities at St. Christopher's.

Sunday, **September 18th** begins the new program year. Archangel Choir rehearsal will be in the music room at 9 am, and Sunday School will be in room 107 from 9:30-10:20.

Mark Your Calendars:

Saturday, October 29th is the annual All Parish Hayride at Bunker



met, I will have computers available at the coffee hour following the service for parishioners to explore our new site.

Not only is the site almost completed, but my Gold Award is, as well. I have exceeded the 80 hours of work necessary, and I am now working on my final report. I will hopefully have it in the mail in the next few weeks.

Thank you to all of the people who have helped and supported me along the way. I could not have done this alone.

SEPTEMBER Calendar Highlights

- 4 9:30 AM**
Holy Eucharist
- 5 Labor Day**
- Office Closed
- 6 Meals on Wheels -**
Offsite
- 7 12:15 PM**
Holy Eucharist
- Chapel
7:15 PM Parish
Choir - Music
Room
- 8 1 PM** Knitters
- Library

11 START UP



Hills Stables in Andover. Meet at the stables at 4 PM. The wagons leave at 4:30, and we will have a potluck dinner & bonfire following the hayride. **Sign-up will be available on Sundays beginning September 11th.**

May Youth News



Chad O'Leary

Youth Ministries Director

Happy Fall! I am very excited to officially roll out our programming for the next academic year, which is packed with creative fellowship and discipleship opportunities. We will frame our year with the help of Form IV of the Prayers of the People in the Book of Common Prayer. Together, we will read the prayers and then select activities that bring that prayer to life. Therefore, everything we decide to do this year will come from a place of prayer and may even be the answer to someone else's prayer.

YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group gatherings will be structured to allow for a wide selection of activities. The first week of the month will be devoted to the creative arts, which may include preparing a musical piece for a Sunday service, a dramatic presentation of a Gospel story for the Easter Vigil, creating candles to give to those attending the Blue Christmas service, staining the Alleluia Box, and creating mosaics. The second week of the month will be dedicated to fellowship. These nights may involve building a bonfire, staying in and play games, getting to know each other better over an ice cream sundae bar, or participating in some fun team-building activities. The third week of the month will be reserved for exploring issues meaningful to teens and our society through the lens of scripture and reason. Finally, the fourth week of the month will be held on a Thursday and start at an earlier time (5:30PM) so that we can practice discipleship by participating in our monthly Community Dinner. Parents are encouraged to stay, break bread with us (and our guests).

The specifics of what we will be doing from week to week will

SUNDAY
Together@ 9:30
Holy Eucharist
Brunch and
Ministry Fair
to follow

12 5:30 PM Finance
Committee-
Parish Hall

14 12:15 PM
Holy Eucharist
- Chapel
6:15 PM Youth
Group-Youth Rm
7 PM Green
Team-Parish Hall
7:15 PM Parish
Choir - Music
Room

16 1 PM Women's
Bridge Group-
Gathering Room

18 8 AM Holy
Eucharist
10:30 AM Holy
Eucharist

19 6:45 PM Vestry-
Parish Hall

21 12 PM SWAT
Group-Parish
Hall
12:15 PM
Holy Eucharist
- Chapel
6:15 PM Youth
Group-Youth Rm
7:15 PM Parish
Choir - Music
Room

25 8 AM Holy
Eucharist
10:30 AM Holy
Eucharist

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Deadline

depend on the interests expressed by those at our first youth group gathering.

SUNDAY FORMATION

Each Sunday we will break open the readings for that particular day and discuss how these words are relevant to young people in 2016.

In addition to regular programming, there are many other retreat opportunities, a pilgrimage to hallowed Civil Rights sites in the South, and many other special events. Please be sure to take a look at the calendar and if you have any questions, send me an email or seek me out at Start-Up Sunday!

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Much Peace on the Journey,
Chad O'Leary

YOUTH PROGRAM CALENDAR

September

- 11 Formation Sunday Kick-Off (9:30AM)
- 14 Youth Group (6:15PM)
Pilgrimage Informational Mtg (11:30AM)
- 18 Formation Sunday (9:30AM)
- 21 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 25 Formation Sunday (9:30AM)
- 29 Youth Group (5:30PM)

October

- 2 Formation Sunday (9:30AM)
- 5 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 9 Formation Sunday (9:30AM)
- 12 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 16 Formation Sunday (9:30AM)
Pilgrimage Meeting (11:30AM)
Pilgrimage Registrations Due!
- 19 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 23 Formation Sunday (9:30AM)
- 27 Youth Group (5:30PM)
- 30 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
Young Life Sabbath (10:30AM Service)
Youth-Led Coffee Sun (11:30AM)

November

- 2 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 6 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- 9 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 11-13 **St. Paul TEC Retreat** (Gr. 9-12)
- 13 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- 16 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 18-19 **ECMN Middle School Retreat** (Gr. 6-8)
- 20 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
Pilgrimage Meeting (11:30AM)
- 23 **Thanksgiving Dinner** (5:30PM)
- 30 Youth Group (6:15PM)

December

- 4 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)

27 Meals on Wheels
-Offsite

28 12:15 PM
Holy Eucharist
- Chapel

6:15 PM Bell
Choir-Balcony

6:15 PM Youth
Group-Youth Rm

7:15 PM Parish
Choir - Music
Room

29 5:30 PM
Community
Dinner

-Parish Hall
5:30 PM Youth
Group-Youth Rm

Please note:

Outside group use of the building has not been listed here. Please note that we now have music lessons Monday through Saturday. Please check the calendar in the office before scheduling a meeting or event. Our weekly building-use calendar is quite busy!

- 7 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 11 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- 14 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 18 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- Pilgrimage Meeting (11:30AM)
- Lessons & Carols** (4:00PM)
- 21 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- Blue Christmas Service**

January

- 4 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 8 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- 11 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 15 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- 18 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 22 **Annual Meeting** (No Sunday Formation)
- 26 Youth Group (5:30PM)
- 29 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)

February

- 1 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 5 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- 8 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 12 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- Youth-Led Coffee Sun** (11:30AM)
- 15 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 19 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- Pilgrimage Meeting (11:30AM)
- 23 Youth Group (5:30PM)
- 26 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)

March

- 1 Youth Group/Ash Wed Liturgy (6:15PM)
- 5 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- 8 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 12 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- 15 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 19 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- Pilgrimage Meeting (11:30AM)
- 22 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 26 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- 30 Youth Group (5:30PM)
- 31-Apr 1 **St. Paul TEC Retreat** (Gr. 9-12)

April

- 2 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- 5 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 9 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- 14-15 **Easter Retreat**
- 16 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- 19 Youth Group (6:15PM)
- 23 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
- Pilgrimage Meeting (11:30AM)
- 27 Youth Group (5:30PM)
- 28-29 **ECMN Middle School Retreat** (Gr. 6-8)

May

- 3 Youth Group
- 7 Sunday Formation
- 10 Youth Group

- 21 Sunday Formation (9:30AM)
Recognition Sunday (10:30AM Service)
 Pilgrimage Meeting (11:30AM)

June

- 11 Pilgrimage Meeting (11:30AM)
 25 Pilgrimage Meeting (11:30AM)

July

- 9-15 Episcopal Youth Quest Camp
 24-Aug 6 **Pilgrimage** *

* Dates to be finalized by group

Green Team

A Green Summer

Summer has been a busy time for many Green projects at St. Christopher's. Father John and the vestry have kicked off an LED lighting conversion project. The savings in electric costs will pay for the project in 3-5 years, making this a great investment. Get involved by adopting a light bulb or area of the church. Fliers are available in the Parish Hall after the service.

The Green Garden harvest is coming in! Shipments from St. Christopher's garden are being brought to Keystone Food Shelf several times a week. So far, we have harvested about 200 pounds of produce. We still need people to harvest the carrots, tomatoes, zucchini, beans, parsley, potatoes and cucumber in the weeks ahead. If you can help, contact Becky Lucas.

The Solar Panels have been generating electricity all summer long. So far, they have generated 17,000 kwh of electricity which prevents about 35 tons of gas CO2 from entering the atmosphere from an average coal fired power plant. We are also reducing our monthly electric bill.

This Fall, the Green Team will be getting its very own page on St. Christopher's website. Thank you, Carrie Hunner. This will allow us to present ongoing information on the Green Team activities and projects. We will also have links to green web sites. Stay tuned.

Check out the website below for tips on being green:
<http://earth911.com/home/8-easy-ways-to-start-being-green/>

The Green Team

Last Words

I hope you have enjoyed the September **e-Traveler**.

I am delighted to be beginning another "Program Year" with all of you at St. Christopher's. I hope that summer's change of pace has been as good for all of you as it has for me, and I look forward to seeing you around the church more! (And I'm glad the elevator will be back in service, too!)

I think I'll call this one "Mr. Irresistible."



Sincerely,
Ruth Thillen, Parish Administrator

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