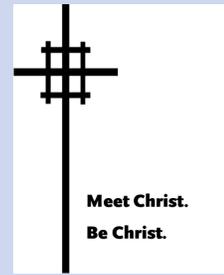


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# e-Traveler



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## From the Rector



**The Rev.  
Randy W. Johnson**  
**Rector**

**The Sacred Heart** by Fr. Randy+

I looked *way up* the hill from the base of the Montmartre streetscape. The sidewalks were overflowing with tourists and persons of every shape and color and dress and language. Cafes were bustling with business—chairs and tables on patios with people sipping coffee or wine and eating delectable delights from Parisian kitchens. Artsy people were shopping the artist's shops and sidewalk displays. It was as if we were imbedded in a French master's painting.

And there, at the peak of the tallest hill in Paris gloriously stands The Sacred Heart Basilica of Montmartre, *Sacre Coeur*, built in 1875-1914 of a brilliant white stone that utterly glows in both sunlight and in the darkness of the night. There are 300 interior steps to reach the top of the mosaic-decorated dome—the height of the pinnacle being only overtaken by the tip of the Tour Eiffel in the far distance.

*Ahhhh...those steps!* My heart was pumping and thumping in my chest as we climbed the hill and stairways to reach Sacre Coeur and her 38 outdoor staircases and beautifully manicured gardens. The interior of the basilica is said to contain the relic that is believed to be the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ. And in the evening, people from Paris and visitors from around the world gather on the steps to enjoy music and fellowship.

Being brought up in a Baptist home, the image of The Sacred Heart was not

part of my spiritual life. I would occasionally see a prayer card with the image of Jesus Christ with a red heart superimposed on his chest, but it did not register in my mind as anything particularly significant to my life in faith. However, in my current spiritual practice, the image has come to have deep meaning in my life.

Father Benson of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, in 1869 wrote;“*Love was the guiding principle of Jesus’ life, and entered into every relationship of his earthly life. Think of the love of Jesus for those who came to him in penitence. Think of the loving grief of that Sacred Heart for all the sin and sorrow and misery that lay around him,—that poor, sin-laden, suffering humanity, which love brought him down to earth to save.*”

The love of Jesus is a light within our hearts. However near God might call us to himself, it would do nothing for our redemption, but it would show us our own nature. We must have more than nearness to God, we must have union with God—and this can only be in Jesus.

Living then *in* Jesus, not simply *near* Jesus, we come to live *in* the love of Jesus. Living *in* the love of Jesus and cherishing that love, we come to love *as* Jesus, and with the heart *of* Jesus. The Sacred Heart.

In a world marked with fear, injustice, hatred, disease, and poverty, The Sacred Heart invites us to another way of life. It invites us to follow Jesus in his *way of love*, loving all, because they too are loved by God. We have the power to change the world, and the power lies within our hearts, because when we live *in* the love of Jesus, we will come to love *as* Jesus—with the very heart *of* Jesus which transfigures and glorifies all that it touches.

My heart pumped and thumped in my chest as I approached the dome of Sacre Coeur, *The Sacred Heart*. Quite possibly, it was a physical sign and cognizance of the heart of Jesus imbedded within me--what it feels like to be ever aware of our charge to live *in* the love of Jesus, to share with all we engage the love *of* Jesus—the love shared *as* Jesus, and with the heart *of* Jesus. The Sacred Heart.

Randy+

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## Music Notes



**Karla Cole**

**Director of Music Ministries**

Fresh off the high from VBS and last weekend's festivities, I'm feeling very hopeful! In spite of the

worrisome headlines, I'm planning for a pretty normal program year all the way along, including our annual Lessons and Carols. Now most Episcopal choirs absolutely live for their Lessons and Carols and we're no different, so it will take quite a serious situation to put us off. Consequently, we'll have lots of music to learn when rehearsals start in September. And we'll have some remedial work to do. We discovered last weekend that we've become rusty with disuse over the last eighteen months.

It's a common perception that people can either sing or they can't. I guess in a simple way, people can either match pitch or they can't. But singing is not such a simple thing. Really great singers can make it seem so easy – Julie Andrews, Barbra Streisand, Elvis Presley, Freddie Mercury, or any other singers of any other style you can think of – they all just open up and sing. St. Christopher's singers will tell you that it isn't really that simple. You never quite achieve nirvana. You might get the pitches and rhythm correct, but there's diction and posture and breath and dynamics. There's always something that could be improved upon. In some ways, it's a lesson in futility, because perfection is never within your grasp. The mystery is, why do we come back week after week if we can never achieve that perfection?

I suppose some of us just like to sing, and some of us see our choir participation as our own kind of ministry in the church, maybe others come for the community and friendship. I think all of us enjoy the process of taking a piece of choral music from the sightreading stage to the point where we can share it with the congregation. It takes all these parts – the piece, the singers, the congregation and the Holy Spirit to make those pieces really live. We put in the hard work and the time to learn the piece and sing our best, but we need ears to hear it. And I've long thought that the perfection that we seek but can never attain is always lovingly smoothed over by the Holy Spirit, who helps us to be more than the sum of our parts. There's quite a bit of spiritual magic going on up there on a Sunday morning.

If you want to be a part of something beautiful, and creative, and bigger than yourself, talk to me or a choir member at coffee hour. There are extra chairs and robes and hymnals, and lots of love and friendship to go around. You needn't have tons of singing experience, and we'll teach you what you need to know. It will be a new and challenging year, but a lot of fun, and we'd love to welcome you.

Karla

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## Footprints AUGUST 2021 News from Children's Ministries



Marion Hunner



**Children's Ministries  
Director**



I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make **God's Backyard Bible Camp** such a great success! All week we shared Bible Stories, Games, Crafts Snacks, Music, Science experiments, and special skits that helped us learn that God wants us to take care of each other by serving ... family, friends, neighbors, community, and Jesus! Every year I am overwhelmed with the presence of the Holy Spirit among our group that ranges from age 3 to ... well, I don't need to reveal that! The collaboration and sense of community among children, teens and adults is truly a gift to experience. It was extra special as we (hopefully) continue to move out of the pandemic.

For our mission projects we collected 343 pounds of food for Keystone's food shelf and tie-dyed 26 pillowcases for Keystone's Youth and Families program. You can see photos from each day on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/St.ChristophersRoseville](http://www.facebook.com/St.ChristophersRoseville)



### **School Supply Collection – August 8-22**

Watch for the yellow bus in the Lower Narthex from August 8-22, where we are collecting school supplies for Roseville Area Schools. They need all of the typical school supplies for children in elementary through high school.

Especially: backpacks, Spiral Bound Notebooks, Loose Leaf Refill Paper, Pencils, Folders, Rulers, Erasers, Glue Sticks, Crayons, Crayola Markers- Chunky and Fine... etc. Anything you find in the back to school section of the store would be great! Please place supplies in the bus no later than Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would prefer a monetary donation, please put it in Marion's mailbox and label it "school supplies." We have shoppers who would be thrilled to put it to good use!

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## Check Out This ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE!

This month, the children of St. Christopher's offer their gratitude to our community: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ozJNC5A3T1MkngEFgiUAYZGXIWgl7-Xz/view?usp=sharing>

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## STATE FAIR PARKING RETURNS!!

It's that time of year again; you can help with State Fair Park & Ride here at St. Christopher's, by signing up - in the narthex at church, or you can sign up online by going to St Christopher's web site. Click on *ACT*, then *Mission and Service*, then *State Fair Parking*. Check your calendars and grab a time slot, don't wait, you might miss out on all the fun. There are morning and afternoon shifts; we leave the evenings to State Fair employees.

(Here's a link to the sign up for State Fair parking online.)

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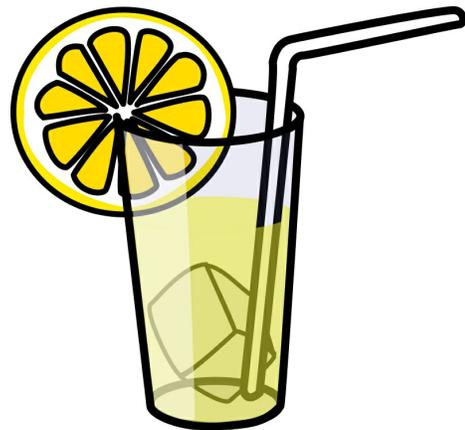
## Lemonade on the Lawn

St. Christopher's Faith Family members, it's time to turn the lemons of zooming, masking and social distancing of the past year into lemonade! Join us on Sundays for **Lemonade on the Lawn** gatherings after the 9:30 a.m. service.

We hope to have others sign up to host at least one Sunday through the summer.

Please contact Connie Hendrick at [c-hend@umn.edu](mailto:c-hend@umn.edu) or 612-306-0182.

Thank you! Cheers!



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## Hearts and Hands

Our Hearts and Hands group shared



refreshments and conversation after assembling "energy packs" for distribution to homeless persons.

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## Pulse of the Parish

Vestry meeting held on July 19, 2021

Hello, the purpose of this report is to keep you informed about the work and actions from the Vestry meeting on July 19, 2021.

After opening prayer and approval of the June minutes, Tom Linder presented a summary of key points from the Finance meeting of the previous week, including:

- Year-to-date, we are well ahead of our budgeted income, without carrying over surpluses from prior years. Our expenses are also lower than budget.
- Building-use revenue is slowly returning. Daycare revenue has recently improved to 83% of pre-COVID revenue levels. We also have a new spiritual director using the building and may have a new renter starting in the fall.
- There is still a concern about the 2022 total revenue, however, which is projected to fall short of budget needs.

### **New business:**

- The Dellwood Property Exploration Team has been selected to look at options for the property development and possible income stream. Al Reedstrom will lead the team that includes Matt Cole, Cindy Lee, and Ella Snyder. As they explore options, they will update the Vestry and wider parish community on their progress.
- Chris Mayer, Jr Warden, is currently leading preparations for our fall stewardship campaign. The campaign theme is "God has work for us to do".
- Fr. Randy reported the parish staff is starting its planning for 2022. It was pointed out that we are very blessed to have both Mary Rowe and Marilyn Baldwin as associate priests, who are providing services to St. Christopher's on a non-stipendiary basis.

The meeting ended with Compline.

Please feel free to contact any of our Vestry members if you have questions or comments. The minutes of the meeting will be available after they have been approved at the next Vestry meeting, Monday, August 16.

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## CALENDAR for AUGUST

**1 Sunday -Pentecost 10**

**9:30 AM Holy Eucharist**

**10:30 AM** Lemonade on the Lawn

**3 Tuesday**

*6 PM - Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Rehearsal - Outdoors, Parish Hall*

**4 Wednesday**

**12:15 PM Holy Eucharist** - Church

*6:30 PM - Roseville Wednesday AA - Gathering Room*

**6 Friday**

*8:45 AM - Private Spiritual Direction - Library - to 11 AM*

**8 Sunday - Pentecost 11** -School Supplies Drive begins

**9:30 AM Holy Eucharist**

**10:30 AM** Lemonade on the Lawn

**3 PM** - What Would Jesus Drink?-Brewery Event -*Offsite*

**9 Monday**

**6:45 PM** Finance Team - Parish Hall, in person

**10 Tuesday**

*6 PM - Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Rehearsal - Outdoors, Parish Hall*

**11 Wednesday**

*11 AM - Private Spiritual Direction - Library - to 12 PM*

**12:15 PM Holy Eucharist** - Church

*6:30 PM - Roseville Wednesday AA - Gathering Room*

**15 Sunday - Pentecost 12**

**9:30 AM Holy Eucharist**

**10:30 AM** Lemonade on the Lawn

**16 Monday**

**6:45 PM** Vestry - Parish Hall, in person

**17 Tuesday**

**11:30 AM** Meals on Wheels - *Offsite*

*6 PM - Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Rehearsal - Outdoors, Parish Hall*

**7 PM** - Exploratory Team - Gathering Room

**18 Wednesday**

*10:45 AM - Private Spiritual Direction - Library - to 12 PM*

**12:15 PM Holy Eucharist** - Church

*6:30 PM - Roseville Wednesday AA - Gathering Room*

**22 Sunday - Pentecost 13** - School Supplies Drive ends

**9:30 AM Holy Eucharist**

**10:30 AM** Lemonade on the Lawn

**24 Tuesday**

*1 PM - Private Spiritual Direction - Library - to 2 PM*

6 PM - Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Rehearsal - Outdoors, Parish Hall

## 25 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Church

2 PM Jack Cork Memorial - Church

6:30 PM - Roseville Wednesday AA - Gathering Room

**26 Thursday - State Fair Parking - 7 AM to Midnight daily - thru Sept. 6th**

29 Sunday - **Pentecost 14** (Parking begins at 1 PM)

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

30 Monday - **e-Traveler** Deadline for September

## 31 Tuesday

6 PM - Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Rehearsal - Outdoors, Parish Hall

**Please note** that some of our outside groups have returned to meeting in the building or on the grounds. Some of those groups are now on this calendar to avoid over-scheduling. Always check with the church office before scheduling a meeting. More building use will begin in September!

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## Last Words



I hope you have enjoyed the August **e-Traveler!**

There is so much joy moving through this community, it sure make it fun for me to come to the office every day! Things have really been "hopping" as we return to using the building more, and planning for future events and worship is well underway.

Thank you all!

Ruth Thillen  
Parish Administrator

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## St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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Allison Jensen, Clerk; Jean Crow, Treasurer

Ross Ackerman, Patrick Ahern, Erin Bowman;

Ann DePaolis-Jones; Josh Kattelman; Alexander Kun;

Jeanna McLoughlin; Leslie Norton; Al Reedstrom

### STAFF:

Ruth Thillen, Parish Administrator

Chad O'Leary, Youth Ministries Director

Marion Hunner, Children's Ministries Director  
Karla S. Cole, Director of Music Ministries  
Rev. Marilyn Baldwin, Assisting Priest  
Rev. Randy W. Johnson, Rector

### **Our Current Schedule**

*Recorded Sermons for each Sunday are on our website.*

**Sunday: 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist** in the Sanctuary

**Wednesday: 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist** in the Sanctuary

#### **Current Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

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