



Hello, St. Christopher's Community!



Resurrection *by Fr. Randy+*

The lofty pine and paper birch forests surrounded me as I drove north from Bemidji towards Canada. The final stop in my northern journey was the southern shore of Red Lake—a massive body of water nestled against the shore of 840,000 acre Red Lake Nation. This enormous mass of pristine waters and land is the home to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, a resident population of nearly 9,000 members of seven clans. The People proudly live and work and learn and raise their families on this beautiful land.

The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians is known for their strong cultural traditions, including preservation of the Ojibwe language and traditional practices such as wild rice harvesting, fishing and hunting. *“The pride of our culture, rooted in our feet.”*

Education of their children has been at the forefront of tribal efforts for many years, to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all of their students. As we know, Red Lake suffered a horrible tragedy several years ago in a school shooting, which left several persons deceased and many physically and emotionally wounded. The wounds suffered by the people that day continue to be remembered and processed by their community—and by all of us. The Tribe, the Red Lake K-12 School District and the Red Lake Nation

College—all located on the shores of Red Lake—have been a long-time partners with the MN School Safety Center as we learn from each other and share best practices in all-hazards school safety.

This day, I was presenting a MN School Based Emergency Management Certificate to Don, the coordinator of safety and emergency management for the Red Lake School District. Don's family, school district and tribal officials were present to witness his receiving the award. Great congratulations were in order! Don is one of only 42 persons earning this distinction in the state—*well done*.

The Red Lake Nation people have long suffered throughout the history of this nation. This struggle with economic insecurity, substance abuse, stripping of identity, suicidality, could easily wash over a people and decimate them forever.

Yet, the Red Lake Nation remains strong, raising high the seven Ojibwe values; Humility, Truth, Courage, Honesty, Respect, Love, and Wisdom. They are providing instruction in the schools to bring back the speaking of Ojibwe language—in essence, resurrecting a core identity of their rich culture. The Red Lake Nation College recently opened a satellite campus in Minneapolis to serve tribal members living in the metro area. Don's oldest daughter spoke to me about her graduation from the college and her plans on studying law at Hamline University.

Great things are happening with the Red Lake Nation—and I consider it a resurrection of sorts. The People are wise, and they are strong. Seasons come and go. Difficult times, and good times. It is much like the scripture reading from Wisdom 3:1-5;

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.”

I pray our Creator and Mother of us all continues to hold up the beloved people of Red Lake, and abides with them as they live further into their resurrection.

Randy+



Book Club Invitation

Greetings and Blessings Beloved Community,

We are interested in starting a book group here at St. Christopher's. Are you interested in participating in a book club?

We'd like to try it out! **Let's meet on Wednesday, July 24 at 5:30 at church** and discuss "The Book of Longings" by Sue Monk Kidd. We'll also discuss when and where to meet in the future, and pick our next book(s). Feel free to bring a snack and a beverage.

Questions? Contact Angela Robinson, angela.robinson.elohim@gmail.com or Marilyn+.

The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd

"I am Ana. I was the wife of Jesus."

Raised in a wealthy family in Sepphoris with ties to the ruler of Galilee, Ana is rebellious and ambitious, a relentless seeker with a brilliant, curious mind and a daring spirit. She yearns for a pursuit worthy of her life, but finds no outlet for her considerable talents. Defying the expectations placed on women, she engages in furtive scholarly pursuits and writes secret narratives about neglected and silenced women. When she meets the eighteen-year-old Jesus, each is drawn to and enriched by the other's spiritual and philosophical ideas. He becomes a floodgate for her intellect, but also the awakener of her heart.

Start a new, fun project

We would love to have you join us for recorder-playing! St. Christopher's has 2 groups - one made up of people who've played an instrument before. And another made up of people who've never played an instrument before, or it was a looong time ago. We're going to start a review session, which is the perfect opportunity for you to join us without feeling behind.

See Karla at coffee hour or give her a call. Day and time yet to be determined.

What would Jesus Drink?

Not sure exactly, but I'm pretty sure he would love to drink it with us! Join us at Wandering Leaf Brewing on Sunday afternoon, **June 30th from 3-5.** (2463 West 7th St, St. Paul.) They have all kinds of summery-sounding beers on tap, non-alcoholic choices, too, bring your own snacks, Market BBQ food truck, and a Korean restaurant next door. To top it off, Humble Hounds will be having an adoption event, so someone will need to come and keep an eye on the Coles. They really don't need another dog just now.

General Convention Revival Worship, Saturday @ 6 pm

The 81st Triennial Episcopal General Convention kicks off this week in Louisville, KY, and we're all invited to participate online in the Episcopal Revival in celebration of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's ministry. (If it's anything like we experienced at the Diocese of MN convention, you'll love it!)

The worship starts at 7 pm EDT (6 pm CDT) on Saturday, June 23.
A livestream will be available on both The Episcopal Church's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages, and on the [General Convention Media Hub](#).



Join us for Vacation Bible School 2024 Hero Hotline: Called together to serve God.

July 15-19 from 9am-noon. Invite your friends and family to join us for this high energy, faith-filled experience. Each day we have a Bible story and theme. The snacks, crafts, music, science experiments, and games are all related to either that day's theme or the overall theme for the week. For registration and more information, see the VBS page on our website.

Here's the Link: <https://www.stchristophers-mn.org/vbs.html>

Prayer List Requests

Have you noticed a "Prayer Requests" button on our website? This is a very short form to add a name to our prayer list! Requests will be monitored Monday through Friday and added to the list published on Fridays. You may, of course, still call the office to add or remove a name from the list. AND, you can use this QR Code to go right to the website!



Upcoming Lectionary Readings

June 23: 5th Pentecost, Proper 7

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41.

June 30: 6th Pentecost, Proper 8

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43.

Sunday Ministries June 23

9:30 AM

Nursery - Janet C, Kathy A

Lectors - Josh K, Bruce W

Intercessor - Don S

LEM - Ella S, Don S

Ushers - Bruce W, Tom M
Altar Guild - Jennifer W, Jean D
Crucifer - Angela R
Coffee Hosts: Don & Julie S

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