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### **Hello, St. Christopher's Community!**

Exciting times are ahead this week - the crew will begin with the office/chapel/music room roofing either Friday the 20th or Monday the 23rd!

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### **I Love to Tell the Story** *by Fr. Randy+*

My phone and email account were blowing up all this past week. I was continually being called out of meetings and trainings to respond to elected officials concerns, school administrator questions, and media requests/demands in response to the tragic deaths and injuries at the Georgia high school shooting and the school bus crash near Hibbing. It always seems to be a high profile tragedy that snaps the "tripwire" of our intensive fixation on the "unthinkable" events that seem to impact our country and the world all too frequently. Unfortunately, these horrible events occur with such frequency and regularity that the impact has somewhat dulled our sensitivity, and our often becomes nothing more than just another passing blip on our radar.

As director of the MN School Safety Center for the Department of Public Safety, I am on the speed dial list of many influential persons. In the wake of these tragic incidents, the natural tendency and direction of their questions and story lines is to focus on the bad—the failure—the blame game—the eager assignment of fault—the blatant negative spin which seems to be the dominant theme in all of the things spinning around us these days. Unfortunately and

sadly, this is the tone of the stories which are most attractive to many in our society—and it is a true shame. We fail to see and hear the power and truth and grace and goodness that attempts to overshadow the hatred and fear sown in our minds.

In each of these interactions I have with others, I intentionally choose to take another pathway—a telling of the story I love to tell. The story of integrity and truth. I raise up and amplify the story that tamps down the rhetoric of fear, hatred, and blame. I focus upon the story of compassionate care, of concern for all others, the story of humble service and love of your neighbor.

I choose to tell the story that I love—in essence, the story of love itself. *Love of God and Love of Neighbor*.

We are reminded in The Baptismal Covenant, and affirm our responsibility as followers of Jesus with these words:

*Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will with God's help.*

*Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will with God's help.*

*Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will with God's help.*

*Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP p.310)*

Dear friends, words matter. These are more than mere rote syllables muttered during an ancient liturgical rite. These are promises made and promises we are embolden to keep.

In this time of controversy, turmoil, and sometimes less than civil discourse, I encourage all of us to stand firm in our dedication to live fully into the truth of The Baptismal Covenant—walking steadfastly and confidently in the Light and Love of God.

My prayer is that at all times, each one of us embrace and engage every human being and all of God's amazing creation as living reflections of this unbridled and unbounded love. May we be ever willing and able to proclaim, "*I Love to Tell the Story...of Jesus and his Love.*" Randy+

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## **September Adult Forum**

Continues this Sunday, September 22, and September 29: "Anglican 101: What It Means To Be Anglican/Episcopalian." It will be informal, over coffee, and questions are welcomed. Note that we'll start at **9 am-ish** in the Parish Hall for this series. Everyone is welcome.

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## Annual Hayride and Bonfire Potluck

**Saturday, October 26th – 4 pm** at Bunker Park Stables in Andover.

All are welcome – bring your friends! Cost is \$12/person or \$50/family (up to 6). Contact Marion for scholarship information. Register [here](#). You can also sign up with Marion in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings. Register by Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> so we know how many wagons we need.

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## We're Proud to Announce St. Christopher's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Event Fair!

WE NEED YOU!

The time has come to dream up fellowship opportunities you would like to host!

Help us build and strengthen our St. Christopher's Community through Fellowship and Fun! Raise \$\$ for the Mission Opportunities Fund which helps support ministries in the parish and important outreach!

Please consider donating a fun event to the St. Christopher's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Event Fair. Think outside the box! What are your favorite hobbies, foods, and past times? Offer a karaoke night, lead a hike or bird watching outing, take a group golfing, share a meal with others, teach a cooking class, lead a knitting lesson, offer game night or a day on a lake, or throw a dance party! The options are endless!

Fill out [this linked donation form](#) (go to bottom of linked page) and send it to Ann ([mntrappers@gmail.com](mailto:mntrappers@gmail.com)) or Kim ([kimmersue58@hotmail.com](mailto:kimmersue58@hotmail.com)), or leave it in Ann's mailbox by the office. Event donations are due by **October 20<sup>th</sup>**.

The St. Christopher's Event Fair will occur **December 8<sup>th</sup> through December 29<sup>th</sup>** with specific event sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall...and if you are a snowbird, we will provide instructions to sign up from afar. The actual events will occur in 2025!

Questions? Contact Kim (651-210-7077) or Ann (651-325-8801)

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## Book Group

Some of you may have read [Ordinary Grace](#) by [William Kent Krueger](#). If you have, but did not discuss it with anyone else who has read the book, please join us for our next book, [Ordinary Grace](#) by [William Kent Krueger](#).

*"That was it. That was all of it. A grace so ordinary there was no reason at all to remember it. Yet I have never across the forty years since it was spoken forgotten a single word."*

*New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were selling out at the soda counter of Halderson's Drugstore, and Hot Stuff comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder.*

*Frank begins the season preoccupied with the concerns of any teenage boy, but when tragedy unexpectedly strikes his family—which includes his Methodist minister father; his passionate, artistic mother; Juilliard-bound older sister; and wise-beyond-his-years kid brother—he finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal, suddenly called upon to demonstrate a maturity and gumption beyond his years. Told from Frank’s perspective forty years after that fateful summer, Ordinary Grace is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.*

We would like to try a **hybrid meeting at the Roseville Library in the Board Room on Tuesday, 08-Oct -24 at 5:30.** There are several copies spread out among the library systems. Also try [Half Price Books](#), [Alibris](#), or anywhere you can get an inexpensive copy because the library copy is unavailable.

**Are you interested in joining us?** You will need to contact Angela Robinson, [angela.robinson.elohim@gmail.com](mailto:angela.robinson.elohim@gmail.com), or Rev. Marilyn, so we can send the details of the book we are reading and the meeting information for those who wish to join online.

Also, we look forward to hearing from you about any suggestions you may have as to specific books or genres.  
--Angela

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### **In case you were wondering...**

For the past few months my daughter, Becky Ferguson, has been on our weekly prayer list. She has progressive pulmonary fibrosis, brought on by complications from her previous treatments for Hodgkin’s lymphoma. Currently, Becky is about a month away from completing preparations so that the University of WI at Madison transplant center can list her as a candidate for a double lung transplant. This has been a difficult journey for Becky for years, who is also dealing with a husband with stage 4 kidney cancer, and caring for their fourteen year old son.

If you would like more information about Becky’s situation, you can click on the link that follows. The link includes an option to donate through a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that raises funds to help cover medical expenses.

The link to Becky’s campaign site is <https://helphopelive.org/campaign/24412/>

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this! And above all, I ask for your prayers for Becky and her family as they continue on the difficult journey ahead.

Mike Sirany

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## **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!



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## Upcoming Lectionary Readings

### September 22: 18th Pentecost, Proper 20

Wisdom 1:16—2:1, 12-22; Psalm 54; James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

### September 29: 19th Pentecost, Proper 21

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.

## Sunday Ministries September 22

### 8:00 AM

Lectors: Mike S, Mary P  
Intercessor: Mike S  
LEM: Millie W  
Altar Guild: Jennifer W  
Usher: Chris & Karen H  
Coffee: Millie W & Sally B

### 10:30 AM

Nursery: Kathy A, Tom L  
Lectors - Angela R, Charlotte B  
Intercessor - Lyn L  
LEM - Lyn L, Chris B  
Ushers - Bill H, Al R  
Altar Guild - Jean D  
Crucifer - Marion H  
Acolytes - Willy W, Ellery B  
Jr. Acolyte - Ellie W  
Coffee Hosts: Jean & Scott C

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You can now sign up to receive the weekly Parish Mail and monthly *e-Traveler* in your own inbox. A sign-up form is now on the main page at our website. Just go to [www.stchristophers-mn.org](http://www.stchristophers-mn.org).

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