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A Note from Rev Daniel Pearson



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The Wedding

Yes, it's spring and traditionally the time for weddings. I say traditionally, because in our wired, globalized society, time tends to be homogenized, meaning anything can happen pretty much anytime. Maybe someone in England would raise an eyebrow should one of the Royals get married in the fall, but not here. So THE WEDDING happened in the spring at Windsor Castle, an event anticipated and viewed by millions-29 million in USA; 24 million in Britain. Although modestly interested, I guess I'm not

enough of an Anglophile to have risen in the middle of the night to see the vows exchanged in real time. Given the general interest in the event throughout the world and coverage by the news media, I did spend enough time on CNN to perhaps qualify as a viewer.

The problem about not actually being there is that one is rather captive to the commentary of the news media personalities covering the event. With split screen capability, you can, for example, hear about the fact of that our own Episcopal Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is garnering a lot of attention with his sermon. Interestingly, what the CNN viewer saw during the sermon was the look on people's faces as the good Bishop spoke and our commentators comment on how it was "going down." Not a word from the Bishop himself. I guess should you be interested in "the message" itself, there's always YouTube. Besides the sermon-doubtless too long and passionate for your celebrity guests-there was unending commentary about arrangements, flowers and dress. And yes the expense of the whole thing. According to the Bride Book estimate, we're talking somewhere in the neighborhood of 45 million. Even given the fact that securing the event took millions, that's a whole lot of dough-especially viewed from a sheerly transactional perspective.

Yet, my interest is not transactional but rather cultural. It's about what I remember the late Australian born British actress Dame Judith Anderson said quite a while ago: "People have lost their sense of occasion." Well, as this Royal event showed, not entirely. What is an occasion worth? What do grand celebrations have to do with our sense of hope and time? Maintaining those traditions gives us that sense of being "at the still point of the turning world." (T.S.Eliot) And less importantly, how do dress and the arrangements convey a sense of importance? I wonder. Maybe there is something to be said about dress for the theater and your mother's funeral.

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Our SUMMER Schedule

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

- *"Think and imagine a world when love is the way. ... Because when love is the way, we actually treat each other like we are actually family. When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all. And we are brothers and sisters, children of God. My brothers and sisters, that's a new Heaven, a new Earth, a new world, a new human family."*

Those are words that were spoken by The Most Rev. Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, at the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex just a few weeks back. It was referred to by commentators both here and in England as passionate and timely. It was a sermon that pointed toward the future, not only for the royal couple, but for the world as well, a sermon that indeed carried a message. For those of us who have gotten to know Presiding Bishop Curry in the past three years, it was a sermon and a message to be expected. I remember watching him preach that afternoon (I was in Europe, better time zone for tuning in!) and thinking "Yep! That is our Bishop Curry; they got exactly what they asked for!!" I am not sure, given the expressions on some members of the Royal Family's faces, that they got exactly what they had expected, but as I said, they got what they asked for!

And I will admit that it was interesting being in England a few days following the wedding, and having people ask us if, being American and all, we knew of Bishop Curry. And then of course, being able to answer that yes we did know of Bishop Curry, we are Episcopalians, and that yes, I had heard him preach before and yes, I have met him and he has even been in the backseat of my car. (I digress).

What I found most encouraging was that to a person we spoke with, all thought the message was fantastic and just what was needed.

As I said before, we Episcopalians have heard his message before and often. And it is under the leadership of Bishop Curry that we as faith communities across the Episcopal Church have been actively engaged in work that encompasses Dr. King's Beloved Community; that is, actively engaged in working toward a world where "love is the way."

We have, as the ECMN, been working toward that goal, and we have been working toward that goal here at St. Christopher's. It is work that begins with the courage to step outside of the comfort of our worship space. Or as John

Lewis once wrote in regard to listening to Dr. King, "It was not enough to come and listen to a great sermon or message every Sunday morning and be confined to those four walls and those four corners. You had to get out and do something." So we get out, and begin by listening to our neighbors, by offering to walk with them on their journey, not offering what we think they need, or what we think will fix the problem; rather, offering what we all need in the form of compassion and caring. What we all need in the form of love.

We have a new opportunity beginning this coming **Saturday (June 2nd)**, to explore a journey with a new set of our neighbors. The women of the Anuak community from Ethiopia will begin to join us on the first Saturday afternoon of the month from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, to share with us their love of coffee, their love of bead work, and most importantly their love of conversation and sharing their stories. We will have a chance to gather in community here at St. Christopher's and listen to what life has been like for them as they have been forced to flee their homes because of persecution; how many of their friends and family have been displaced and now reside in refugee camps in Kenya or Uganda. And we will also have a chance to share with them things that they have brought from home, such as their love of coffee and how one never drinks coffee alone, but always in a social setting, or their favorite dishes to cook. We will have a chance through conversation, through listening to join with them as they journey through a new home.

Bishop Curry reminded us that when love is the way we treat each other like family, that God is at the source and there is a new Heaven, a new Earth, a new world. We have an opportunity to begin a new journey on Saturday afternoon; we have the opportunity to journey toward that new world. I am excited for the possibilities that are ahead and I am excited to have you join me in discovering them.

Amen,
Deacon Janet



Footprints
JUNE 2018



News from Children's
Ministries



Marion Hunner

Children's Ministries Director

Please join us for some summer fun!

Rosefest Parade - Monday, June 25th

We will meet at St. Christopher's at 6:30 and walk over to the high school together. The parade starts at 6:15, but we are #81, so we'll have plenty of time before our unit starts moving. If you take advantage of early registration for VBS (6/3) you will have your shirt in time to wear it in the parade!

Shipwrecked VBS: Monday-Friday, July 23-27, 9am-noon



Pk - 5th grade - All are welcome!

At Shipwrecked VBS kids learn one Bible point each day, and it is reinforced through Bible stories, songs, games, snacks, and hands on explorations that help them know that Jesus is with them through all of life's storms. **Registration Deadline is Sunday, July 1st.**

Family Fun Movie Night

This opportunity is for families of all ages, shapes and sizes - feel free to bring your friends! All activities will be in the parish hall. We will have chairs, but families are also welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets, pillows, etc to sit on the floor. This event is in the early stages of planning, so the movie, date, and time are still to be determined. Watch these sources for updates!

Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/St.ChristophersRoseville>

Weekly Sunday Christogram

<http://www.stchristophers-mn.org/publications.html>

Planning for the Silent Auction

Our Silent Auction events have fostered much fellowship and creativity in our community over many years. Many thanks to all who have worked on the Silent Auction over the years! Once again, volunteers are needed to make this year's Silent Auction happen.

The Vestry discussed this at our last meeting, and we feel strongly that the Silent Auction is a very important event in our church year, raising significant resources for our Mission Opportunities fund. Without additional Mission Opportunities funding, we will not be able to continue our flourishing Community Dinner ministry.

In order to do this, we need volunteers to step up to do the work of running and administering the auction and associated events. Support and guidance will be provided.

Last year, we focused the Silent Auction offerings on parties and social events, and we hosted a festive Saturday evening dinner and bidding party, which also included our popular gift card trees and wine/beer selection raffles. Later in the fall, we held a separate Talent Table event. All of these were very successful, but for this year any or all of these events could be combined in different ways.

Please let the Wardens know if you would be willing to give some of your time to this important and fun event.

Bird Watching Walk



Here are some bird watchers out for a walk in early May! This was one of the events made available through the Silent Auction last fall.



June Calendar Highlights

- 2 2 PM-4 PM** Coffee & Conversation with the Anuak women - Parish Hall
- 3 9 AM** Bike Blessing - North Entry
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Fellowship
- 6 12:15 PM** Holy Eucharist - Chapel
- 8 11:00 AM** **Joyce Goedeke Memorial Service**
Reception follows in the Parish Hall
6:30 PM Couples Bridge - Parish Hall
- 9 10:00 AM** Earl Olson Visitation
11:00 AM **Earl Olson Funeral**
Reception follows in the Parish Hall
- 10 9:30 AM** Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Fellowship
- 11 5:30 PM** Finance Committee - Parish Hall

13 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

17 Father's Day!

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Fellowship

18 6:45 PM Vestry - Parish Hall

20 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

24 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Fellowship

First Nations' Kitchen - Offsite

25 Roseville Parade!

26 Staff Calendar Planning Day - Office Closes at 11 AM

27 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

28 5:30 PM Community Dinner - Parish Hall

Last Words

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

There sure is plenty going on at St. Christopher's, even as we are heading into the "slower" summer season. I hope you're enjoying all the opportunities to connect with folks you haven't seen for a while, at graduation parties, and weddings, and "up at the lake."

We just enjoyed another "first" - our eldest grandson just graduated from High School! He was just two weeks old when I started working here at St. Christopher's. MY, how time flies!

Sincerely,

Ruth Thillen, Parish Administrator

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