

St. Christopher's

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From the Rector



**The Rev.
Randy W. Johnson**

Rector

On Leadership...

Who is the greatest leader in history? Of all the names that might be given in response to that question, one name stands out above the rest: Jesus Christ. From his birth in a Bethlehem stable to his death on a cross, he lived on this earth for less than forty years, leaving behind only a few hundred followers upon his return to heaven. He never wrote a book, taught a seminar, “*tweeted his personal comments on the interweb*”, or created a detailed outline for his disciples to follow. After his departure from this world, he sent the Holy Spirit to aid them in recalling what he did and said.

A few years later, his movement had swelled to include thousands of new believers. Soon his followers fanned out across the Roman Empire, spreading the good news he had taught them. Within five generations, the number of Christians reached into the millions.

Two thousand years have passed since he was here, yet his followers today number more than one billion throughout the world, with millions more people joining every year. The organization he founded—*the church*—has branches in every country and land on the earth.

Yet, ironically, his public ministry lasted less than four years. With no formal training and in the face of murderous opposition, he inspired such loyalty that his followers were willing to die for him.

How did he do it? What principles did he follow? And do the same principles work today in our own time?

We believe the Bible answers these questions. That's why we go to the Gospels as a basis of study and belief. As we read through the Gospels, we journey through the earthly life of Jesus Christ as witnessed by his friends and enemies.

We have very recently elected new leadership in our faith communities—The Very Rev. Craig Loya as Bishop-Elect of ECMN, as well as our own new vestry and wardens at St. Christopher's. Our humble prayer is that each one of these gifted and dedicated persons may fully apply their talents and wisdom, with God's help, to further inspire us to daily walk *The Way of Love*.

I also pray that each one of us will have the desire and courage to take on leadership roles in our own context—at work, school, and play—and reflect the love of Jesus Christ to our neighbor. Yes, we each are called through the Holy Spirit to faithful leadership in this broken and hurting, yet wonderfully joyous world. As you travel your road of life, keep your eyes open for the people God puts in your path. Almost every day, you'll find someone who needs the help only you can give.

If you have dismissed Jesus as irrelevant to modern life, brace yourself. Most of us know that Jesus was a great teacher and the Redeemer of the human race, but many people have never considered him to be the ultimate leader. Who else has ever had his enduring impact? Human leaders come and go, but the legacy of Jesus has grown greater with the passing of each century. I invite you to continue on life's adventure following Jesus—the ultimate leader. Lead on, following him.

Randy+

Music Notes



Karla Cole

Director of Music Ministries

After a busy January, we'll have a busy February getting ready for our **Evensong and Afternoon Tea on February 23rd at 4:00pm** Evensong, for anyone who hasn't been or doesn't know, is just a simple service of scripture and music. And more music. No sermons, no communion, just a couple of

lessons, some prayers, a bunch of candles, and more music. In England, the cathedrals all tend to have daily evensong at 4:00 or 5:00 and you can sit up in the choir and read over the choristers' shoulders. After a day of tramping about, seeing the sites, sitting for 45 minutes and listening to beautiful music is a real treat. On our side of the pond, evensong is a lovely way to slow yourself down and contemplate something other than the next thing we've got to do. And as it's the last Sunday before Lent, and even though we'll have put the Alleluias away in the morning, there will be lots of Alleluias to be had. Contemplatively joyful, our last hurrah until Easter.

And after the service there's Afternoon Tea. There are several places in the Twin Cities that serve fabulous, formal Teas these days (We can recommend several if you're interested) - but we can't really compete with them. Mostly because we're busily singing the service first. We will, however, have the parish hall fancied up some and there will be classic tea treats from my English mother-in-law's recipe box. And lots of pots of tea. In addition, as it would have been Pete Snyder's 90th birthday that day, there will be his favorite strawberry cake. And with that we can all remind ourselves that spring is coming, eventually. It will be a very jolly afternoon. Do join us!

Karla Cole

Footprints FEBRUARY 2020 - News from Children's Ministries



Marion Hunner

**Children's Ministries
Director**



Many thanks to everyone who helped with our Epiphany Pageant!



Sunday, February 2nd –Children' Chapel!

For children age 3 and up as well as interested adults. Meet in the Christ Child Chapel at 10:25am. We devote our time to three main components of the Liturgy of the Word: **Singing, Scripture, and Prayer**. We will join the congregation at the Peace.



Looking Ahead!

**Vacation Bible School will be 9am – noon
July 20-24**

This program is for age 3 – 5th grade. Youth volunteers have completed 6th grade or older. Details and registration will be available after Easter. You can see information and pictures from previous VBS programs

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

Lenten Series “Caring for God’s Creation”

Throughout the season of Lent this year, we will be joining with other Episcopal parishes in the East Metro Mission Area of ECMN in fellowship and study. Our theme this year will be *Caring for God’s Creation*. Two of our sessions will be with our sisters and brothers from the other parishes, and four will be presented in the Sunday morning adult education sessions during Lent. Topics of reflection and discussion will center on the Loving, Liberating, Life-Giving work in which God dreams of us engaging. The Kick-Off gathering will be held at St. Christopher’s on Thursday, March 5 at 6 pm—a simple soup and bread supper will be provided, along with a presentation and discussion. The Wrap-Up session will be held on Thursday, April 4 at 6 pm at St. Christopher’s, with another simple soup and bread supper and discussion. For more information, speak with Father Randy.



FEBRUARY Calendar Highlights!

1 Saturday

8:30 AM Vestry Retreat – Chapel, Parish Hall

2 Sunday

8 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Children's Chapel

5 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Chapel

3 PM Staff meeting

6:15 PM Bell Choir – Balcony

7:15 PM Parish Choir – Music Room

8 Saturday

(Girl Scout Cookie distribution to Troops – West Parking Lot)

9 Sunday

8 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10 Monday

5:30 PM Finance Committee – Parish Hall

12 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Chapel

3 PM Staff meeting

6:15 PM Bell Choir – Balcony

7 PM Green Team - Library

7:15 PM Parish Choir – Music Room

13 Thursday

1 PM Knitting – Library

14 Friday

1:30 PM Keystone Mobile Food Shelf – West Parking Lot

16 Sunday

8 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

18 Tuesday

Meals on Wheels – Offsite

19 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Chapel

3 PM Staff meeting

6:15 PM Bell Choir – Balcony

7:15 PM Parish Choir – Music Room

20 Thursday

10 AM Hearts and Hands – Parish Hall

23 Sunday

8 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist-Put away Alleluias

4 PM Evensong & Afternoon Tea

24 Monday

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26 Wednesday – ASH WEDNESDAY

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist w/Ashes – Church

3 PM Staff Meeting

7 PM Holy Eucharist w/Ashes – Church

27 Thursday

5:30 PM Community Dinner – Parish Hall

Please note: These are the parish events occurring this month. Please remember that many outside groups use our building daily. If you need to use a building space, please check with the office to see that your time, date and space are available.

Last Words



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

I'm wondering what our friend, Mr. Groundhog, will see when he pops out of his burrow! We've had a really gray January, but I will hope it's gray enough for the groundhog not to be frightened by his shadow - but then, I could do with a stretch of sunshine!

Here's hoping you all receive lots of Valentines from your loved ones, and secret admirers!

Ruth Thillen
Parish Administrator

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Rev. Mary Rowe, Assisting Priest
Rev. Janet MacNally, Deacon
Rev. Randy W. Johnson, Rector

Our Regular Schedule**Sunday: 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

9:00 AM Fellowship

9:30-10:20 AM Children's Education-Room 107
(*NO First Sunday*)

9:30-10:15 AM Youth Education-Youth Room

9:30-10:15 AM Adult Education-Parish Hall

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Children's Chapel (*First Sunday ONLY*)

11:30 AM Fellowship

Wednesday: 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

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