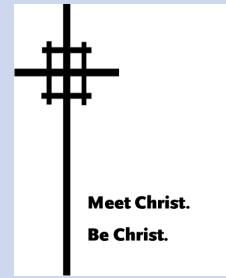


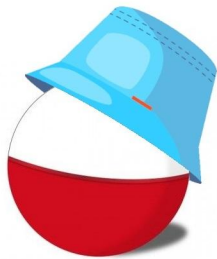
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From the Rector



**The Rev.
Randy W. Johnson**

Rector

Acceptable Risk *by Fr. Randy+*

Earlier this week, Kim and I were walking our grand-dog, Rey, in the early twilight hours near our home, which is situated adjacent to a natural wetland. I began to hear Kim whoop and yelp, as we were besieged by an army of small frogs. These frogs were jumping and hopping and wildly flying through the air as they attempted to cross the road from the pond to the more woodsy side of our neighborhood. We tried our best to side-step them, but several succumbed to the “*squished end of life*” as passing vehicles did not see or avoid their excited hopping on the roadway. I know what you are thinking—the frogs did not have the mental capacity to understand or navigate the risk of hopping across a heavily traveled roadway. Got it. But they did engage unknowingly in very risky behavior and paid the ultimate cost for doing so.

In 1981, the newly forming electronic gaming industry introduced a game called “*Frogger*.” I bet many of you remember it, or even played it. It was an animation game that had you, the player, navigate and guide a small frog—making it hop and skip between opposing traffic on a roadway and waterway. And yes, it was crammed full of dangerous hazards—speeding cars, enormous trucks, munching alligators and otters, and even bulldozers! You would have to use all of your skills and wisdom to safely hop that little frog from log to turtle back to highway median strip, in order to safely find your way to the security of the safe home at the top of the screen. It was a challenge—a challenge that became increasingly difficult as the animated world became more dark, more sinister, and moved more and more quickly.

Players spent hour upon hour learning the game through experience and through the teaching and wisdom of others. This preparation and learning of the process of living and surviving in this sometimes dangerous environment was critical to your success—your ability to sort danger from safety—to manage disaster and move it towards acceptable risk.

This whole “Frogger” game experience, and the experience of the small living frogs on my neighborhood walk, is really not that much different than what we experience in our lives—and not much different than experienced by the disciples and followers of Jesus during his time of ministry. Jesus spent much time and effort to teach his followers the way we should be living our life in faith and love. He taught through words and example—modeling how to be fully present and in support of others, especially those who have been distanced, marginalized, and persecuted. Jesus defined our purpose and mission in being his follower. It was much more than just having a primal drive to act and not understanding the purpose and process and way to live a life fully. The small neighborhood frogs acted on the primal drive alone—and many paid the ultimate price by acting on unacceptable risk.

A true leader prepares followers for the way ahead—even if it is full of danger. Jesus prepared his followers, both then and today, in learning, teaching, and living the way of love. And in doing so, we are prepared for the dangers and snares of this earthly life—and also know and understand the heavenly reward awaiting us on the other side.

Peace to you on your journey.
Randy+

Music Notes



Karla Cole
Director of Music Ministries

What would Jesus drink? Well, beer, of course! Please join us at **Broken Clock Brewing on July 9th from 3-5 pm**. They have a huge space with arcade games (darts, even), board games, computer games, comfy couches, and cute miniature furniture and toys for the littles. There's an extensive beer list, yoga class at 11:00, Brothers Gutierrez food truck from noon to 6pm, and local singer/songwriter, Mark Schirmacher from 4-7pm. Come for a little while or stay all afternoon!

Come blow your horn, start celebrating!

It's time to dust off your old horn and come play at church with the band on August 13th. If you played in your high school band or orchestra, you're a good candidate to join in playing a couple of short Level 2 pieces. We'll have a quick

rehearsal right after church on **August 6th** and meet again at **9 am on August 13th**. We're playing "flex music" - so whatever you play, I have a part for you and there's a piano part to tie it all together and make it sound snazzy! See me or email with any questions, or to request the music so you can practice. Come join us!

Karla

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News from Children's Ministries



Marion Hunner

**Director of
Children's Ministries**

Vacation Bible School July 24-28!



I am getting VERY excited for our VBS program, **Knights of North Castle**. If you know any children age 3 – 5th grade who might be interested, please send them to our website www.stchristophers-mn.org/vbs for more information and a link to the registration form, or give them my email address and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Marion@StChristophers-mn.org

**FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY,
JULY 7TH**

Help with VBS

· **Games Station** - we are still in need of a leader for the games station. We provide a book with recommended games as well as welcoming your own ideas. We also provide all of the supplies needed. You will work outside with 3 different small groups of kids for 20 minutes at a time, and there will be either a teen helper or 2nd adult to work with you. Please contact Marion if you are interested or if you have any questions.

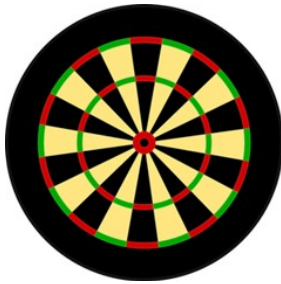
· **Many Hands Make Light Work** – On Sunday, July 23, we need help transforming our sanctuary into a castle! In addition to help moving and decorating, I will have projects that can be done in the parish hall while you enjoy your coffee. Please see me after the service to see how you can help!

· **T-Shirt Donations** - During VBS, we will be making T-shirt bags for Keystone Community Services. Their clients appreciate these washable, reusable shopping bags. Ideal t-shirts are size Youth Large – Adult Large. The larger adult sizes get too long for the bags to work effectively. Please leave T-shirts

outside Marion's office (at the bottom of the stairs on the South side of the building). Any color or design is fine.

Looking Ahead . . .

In August, we will be supporting children in the Roseville School District with school supplies. If you start seeing sales, please go ahead and pick up anything in the school supply section.



We hit the Target!

It was a fun night of food, fun, and Bingo! Thanks to all of you that joined us for Sloppy Joes and Bingo.

We had over **42** people join in on the fun.

Keep your eyes open for future events and consider joining in on the fun. Remember, the more the merrier!



Fellowship Suggestion Boxes

We want to hear from YOU!

St Christopher's is your community -- help us plan future fellowship and social activities! We are looking for new ideas - or simply let us know your old favorites - what would you like to see added to the social calendar here at St

C's?

No new ideas? Looking for a way to get more involved here at church? We are also looking for volunteers to help lead and run the events. Let us know if you're available to help!

There are suggestion boxes in the upper narthex and parish hall -- look for the brightly colored Fellowship signs and let us hear from YOU!

Highlights from June 19 Vestry meeting:

- The Faithful Innovations Team, consisting of Becky Lucas, Marion Hunner, Angela Robinson, and Kathy Hagen, attended the Vestry meeting. They shared that as a team, they helped St. Christopher's Parishioners reflect on where they see God, and discern together how God is directing us to move forward as a parish. They presented Vestry with the challenges and suggestions they heard from parishioners about how to guide St. Christophers moving forward.
 - Finances are on track.
 - Fellowship opportunities are being planned.
 - St. Christopher's day Breakfast is planned for July 30th!
 - A lovely Baby Grand piano has been donated to St. Christopher's by Pat Ahern's parents, and can be found in the choir room.
 - Shout outs to Karla for her continuous musical events such as Eclectic Whirlwind on June 11; the Warkentiens for their weeding work around the building; and Pat and family for their generous piano donation.
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CALENDAR for JULY

2 Sunday – Pentecost 5

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Coffee Hour

3 Monday

12 PM Private Spiritual Direction - Gathering Room

4 Tuesday – Independence Day

Office Closed

5 Wednesday

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Church

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6 PM

6:30 PM Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

6 Thursday

1 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 - to 6:15 PM

7 Friday

1 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 5:15 PM

9 Sunday – Pentecost 6

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Coffee Hour

10 Monday

12 PM Private Spiritual Direction - Gathering Room

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6 PM

(No Finance Meeting)

11 Tuesday

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

10:30 AM Meals on Wheels – Offsite

1 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 3:45 PM

7 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall, Outdoors

12 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Church

4:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:30 PM

6:30 PM Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

13 Thursday

2:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6 PM

14 Friday

9 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

2:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6 PM

16 Sunday – Pentecost 7

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Coffee Hour

17 Monday

12 PM Private Spiritual Direction - Gathering Room

(No Vestry Meeting)

18 Tuesday

8:30 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Gathering Room – to 5:30 PM

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

10 AM O.A. - #218

10 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

7 PM Meditation Group - #218/Chapel – to 8:30 PM

7 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall, Outdoors

19 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Church

6:30 PM Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

23 Sunday – Pentecost 8

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Coffee Hour

VBS Set Up follows!

24 Monday

e-Traveler Deadline for August

9 AM to 12 PM – VBS!

12 PM Private Spiritual Direction - Gathering Room

25 Tuesday

9 AM to 12 PM – VBS!

12 PM Flute Lessons – Music Room

7 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall, Outdoors

26 Wednesday

9 AM to 12 PM – VBS!

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Church

6:30 PM Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

27 Thursday

9 AM to 12 PM – VBS!

28 Friday

9 AM to 12 PM – VBS!

30 Sunday – Pentecost 9 – St. Christopher's Day Celebrated

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Breakfast Burrito Bar! Sponsored by the Vestry

31 Monday

12 PM Private Spiritual Direction - Gathering Room

Please note that MOST of our outside groups have returned to meeting in the building. Those groups are now on this calendar (*in italics*) to avoid over-scheduling. Always check with the church office before scheduling a meeting. Days with no activity scheduled have been left off this calendar.



Last Words

I hope you have enjoyed the July e-Traveler!

Happy July! I'm sure there will be plenty of noise on Tuesday night the 4th!

Ruth Thillen
Parish Administrator

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Our Schedule:

Recorded Sermons for each Sunday are on our website.

**Sundays May 28 -- September 10:
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist**

Wednesday: 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

Office Hours:

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