

St. Christopher's

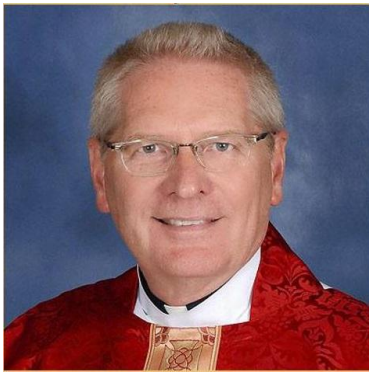
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Rector's Musings...



**The Rev.
Randy W. Johnson**
Rector

“Joy to the World...”

I was happily humming to myself as our dog Margaret and I walked along the pathway in the nature area near our home. The sun was just beginning to rise in shades of red and orange and the fog was just lifting off the surface of the pond areas. The world was again coming to life all around us when it happened...I realized the tune I had been happily and unconsciously humming...

*“Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven and nature sing”*

What was this? Isn't this Eastertide season? Have I lost my marbles?
Then the reality of the moment struck me...

“Joy to the World” The world was once more rising in unbridled joy and praise to the God of new beginnings, new relationships and renewal of the earth and skies and waters.

“Let earth receive her King” Jesus rises from the grave in the wonder of Easter, established himself as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He assures us of a place in heaven with him as he ascends to heaven, and leaves us the gift of presence

through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

“Let every heart prepare Him room” We are reminded that despite the busyness of our lives- *especially as summer is nearly upon us-* we are to take time to intentionally make room for God by dwelling in the Word and in prayer every day. We are called to open our hearts and minds to share Christ’s abiding love with our family, neighbors, and community.

“And Heaven and nature sing” Heaven and nature sing out in the voices of a world returning to life once more. Birds and bugs, frogs and fish, flora and fauna, ALL of Heaven and nature sings to the glory of God! We are reminded once more of our calling to be stewards of all of the earth and the majesty of God’s wondrous creation. We are invited to engage and enjoy all of the bounty God provides.

“Joy to the world”...Indeed!

Randy+

A Note from Mary



**The Rev.
Mary Rowe**

Assisting Priest

Our St. Christopher’s senior programs are thriving. PPP&S ended its season with a very interesting program given by Alexander Kun. Hearts and Hands continue to find good outreach projects, and the knitters stay busy making blankets for the homeless and prayer shawls.

As our seniors continue to age, we have a growing opportunity for parishioners to take communion to a shut-in. Please prayerfully consider being involved in this ministry. Let me know if you would like to find out more about this opportunity.

Blessings, Mary+

Music Notes

Karla Cole

**Director of
Music Ministries**



We're bearing down on the end of our program year, when the choir and handbell choir will take a much-deserved summer vacation. We'll be combined into one service and the congregation will take its place as the primary choir. And I can hear you already: "but I can't sing." Doesn't matter. I don't think God cares so much about the actual quality of the singing, as the fervor of it. In other words, it's all about the effort. It's the old *Prairie Home Companion* effect. There were all sorts of voices singing together, some in tune, some not, some beautifully, some not. And they were singing "Beautiful Dreamer" or something, and it was lovely, because they were fervently singing, in companionship and for a higher purpose. Now I would suggest that our higher purpose is somewhat higher than the radio audience. But our listener is loving and forgiving, so I think all of you who think you can't sing should set your reservations aside and see what happens. The Spirit has a way of making musical magic from the unlikeliest of musicians.

If you want to hear some gentlemen who do love to sing, join us on **Thursday, June 6th at 7:30 PM** for a choral concert by the Actuarial Men's Choir from Travelers Insurance. We have a few connections here. The concert is a benefit for *Habitat for Humanity*, an organization that St. Christopher's has supported for a long time. Additionally, my husband, Matt, works at Travelers and while not an actuary, he speaks math and hangs out with these guys. These are the men from the Travelers' Choir, conducted by Chris Westermeyer, and populated by a bunch of St. Olaf grads. The combined choir does a lovely Christmas program in Landmark Center every December during the monstrous craft sale. And the gents sing by themselves in the spring. They usually sing sea shanties on a boat outing, but this year they were looking for a bigger venue for this fundraiser. Do come and show your support for Habitat!

Karla Cole

Footprints JUNE 2019 - News from Children's Ministries



Marion Hunner

**Children's Ministries
Director**



Please join us for some summer fun!

Rosedale Parade – Monday, June 24th

You can park at St. Christopher's and walk over to the high school parking lot. We will have a grill with hot dogs and chips to enjoy time together while we wait for our unit to start moving. Strollers and wagons are welcome! We will also have a few vehicles parked at the end of the route for a quick ride back to St. C's. If you take

advantage of early registration for VBS (6/2) you will have your shirt in time to wear it in the parade!



To Mars and Beyond!

**Vacation Bible School Monday – Friday,
July 22-26, 9 am - noon**

PreK – 5th grade – All are welcome!

Go Beyond with Faith, Boldness, Kindness, Thankfulness and Hope! Out-of-this world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God. We still need some volunteers during the week – please contact Marion if you are interested.

Registration Deadline is Sunday, July 7th.

Save \$5 if you register by Sunday, June 2nd.

Family Fun Together

We are planning an outing for St. Christopher's families of all shapes and sizes! We will go to Como Park for a potluck, playtime, and miniature golf. Watch the ChristoGram for details!

Park Playdates

We are in the process of planning weekly playdates at local parks for our families. Please email Marion if you are interested in being included in this group.

Food Shelf Thank You!

March and April food donations amounted to 46 pounds. A rather disappointing number, but a BIG thank you to all who contributed. Not included is the detergent the Hearts and Hands bought and repackaged into baggies, enough for at least 6 loads of laundry per family. It was so well received, and gone in a flash.

Remember, we also collect paper products, items always needed, but of course the food is our main concern. Continue to watch for canned items on sale. Next up date end of June.

Thank you,
Pamela Case

Green Team Update

Come represent St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in the Roseville Parade, **Monday, June 24!** Look for the Green Team trailer featuring our solar panels: "We get our power from above." Vacation Bible School also will be featured. We'll gather about **6:15** to be ready for the official start in the Roseville High School parking lot. We'll have hot dogs on the grill and a large jug of ice water so be sure to bring your own REUSABLE water bottle. Join in the family fun- handing out information and giving out treats.

Have questions? Call a member of the Green Team: Jean Crow, Mary Friend, Karen Hartman, Allison Jensen, Larry Jones, Becky Lucas, Joel Norton, Leslie Norton.

PULSE of the PARISH

The Pulse of the Parish is a brief update to keep everyone informed of the actions taken by the Vestry at their meeting on Monday, May 20th, 2019.

- The meeting opened with scripture and prayer.
- The monthly financial reports were reviewed. The April 2019 income and expenses are generally staying within the budget.
- Capital Campaign update: Campaign letter distribution and pickup has been completed. Results will be reviewed at the upcoming meeting Wednesday, May 22.
- Golf Outing: Will take place on Sunday, June 23rd. Golfing will be from 2:00-4:00 pm and there will be Happy Hour from 4:00-6:00 pm. Tickets were sold during Silent Auction and will be on sale before the event.
- Steel Door Update: The green steel door on the northwest side of the church has been replaced. A plaque for the door will be placed when completed.
- Safe Church: The ECMN Safe Church program is in the process of being revised. Annual training will be made available to all church members. Training will be required every 3 years for those working with youth and vulnerable adults. Additional information will be made available over the coming months.
- Summer Events: There will be a St. Christopher's float in the Roseville parade on June 24th. There will be a youth trip to Native American historical sites in early July. And the State Fair Parking event in August.
- Vestry Retreat: A second vestry retreat was scheduled for June 8th to plan the path forward, now that Fr. Randy has arrived.
- Shout Outs: Thank You to Jim and Ebie Richards: For the beautiful steel door from the Jim Richards memorial fund. Ella Snyder: For the purchase of two beautiful Communion Travel kits in memory of Pete.

Please be aware that the minutes of the May meeting will not be available to read online or in the library until after they have been approved at the Vestry's June meeting. Vestry members will be available after services for any questions you may have.



JUNE Calendar Highlights!

June 1 - Saturday

9:00 AM CAN Mexican/Central American Brunch - Parish Hall

– Free Will Offering

June 2 - SUNDAY - Easter 7/Ascension

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM Blessing of the Wheels (Bikes, etc.) – Front Entry

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Youth Trip Meeting – Gathering Room

June 5 - Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

3:00 PM Staff Meeting - Office

6:15 PM Bell Choir - Balcony

June 6 - Thursday

7:30 PM Travelers Men's Actuarial Choir Concert/

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser – Church

June 8 - Saturday

9:00 AM Vestry Retreat - Parish Hall

June 9 - SUNDAY – Pentecost!

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Pentecost Brunch and Capital Campaign Closure Celebration

June 10 - Monday

5:30 PM Finance Committee - Gathering Room

June 11 – Tuesday

11:30 AM Meals on Wheels - Offsite

June 12 - Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

11:00 AM Staff Calendar Planning Meeting – All Day

June 15 - Saturday

1:00 PM Holmes Cello Student Recitals (to 5 PM)

June 16 - SUNDAY – TRINITY – Father's Day

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Youth Trip Meeting – Gathering Room

June 17 - Monday

6:45 PM Vestry - Parish Hall

June 19 - Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

3:00 PM Staff Meeting – Office

June 20 – Thursday

10:30 AM Hearts and Hands – Parish Hall

June 23 - SUNDAY – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

2:00 PM Golf at Cedarholm
4:00 PM Happy Hour at Cedarholm

June 24 - Monday

e-Traveler Deadline

6:15 PM Gather at RAHS for the ROSEVILLE PARADE

June 26 - Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

3:00 PM Staff Meeting - Office

June 27 - Thursday

5:30 PM Community Dinner - Parish Hall

June 30 - SUNDAY – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Youth Trip Meeting – Gathering Room

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 June ***e-Traveler!***

Things seem to be slowing down quickly for the summer, at least according to the parish calendar! I know that we're all looking forward to long stretches of warm, sunny weather (and the weather folks seem to think it may not be a very hot summer - hooray!).

Please enjoy your re-creation time, as will the staff - please call ahead to the office before dropping in, to be sure the person you'd like to see is actually here.

Ruth Thillen

Parish Administrator

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

VESTRY:

Joel Norton, Sr. Warden; Kathy Ackerman, Jr. Warden
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Josh Kattelman; Tom Linder; Al Reedstrom; Lisa Spiro

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Ruth Thillen, Parish Administrator
Chad O'Leary, Youth Ministries Director
Marion Hunner, Children's Ministries Director
Karla S. Cole, Director of Music Ministries

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

Our SUMMER Sunday Schedule June 9 - September 8

Sunday: 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Fellowship

Wednesday: 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

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