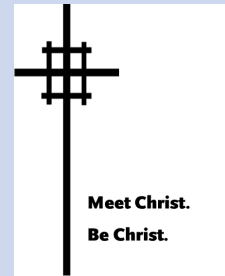


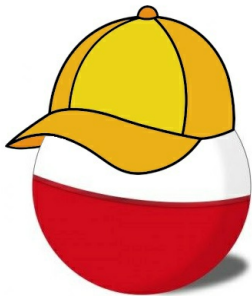
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From the Rector



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

Love Language *by Fr. Randy+*

It has been a most lovely week in the Johnson home over the Memorial Day (*Pentecost!*) holiday weekend. Lots of excitement and laughter and joy and tears when “*boo boo’s*” happen. It is a time of fun and transition, of sorts, as the grandkids from Kansas City spend the week at Grandma’s House. And it is not only the Kansas tribe—as the local Golden Valley grandkids join in the action with sleepovers and meals.

It is always a treat to come to Grandma’s House. At Grandma’s House, new rules can come into play—not the day in, day out rules that apply at their homes. Some are always the same, but some new twists and turns add to the anticipation, excitement, and expectations of daily life. Walking the dog together, going to Grandma’s playground, playing with new toys and sporting gear. Spending quality time with dear cousins at the lake and standing in line at Cup-N-Cone in downtown White Bear Lake are always highlights. Also, with Grandma, you can order a medium or even large ice cream treat—not being relegated to the kiddie cone that your parents insist you get!

And there are the inevitable times when conflict and argument and discord happen—yeah, you know those moments. All of the fun and life, and smiles and laughter fall aside—and crying and heartache fill our living space.

That is when the wisdom of God speaks through the wisdom words of Grandma. The speaker of the **Love Language** not only lifts you up in the good times, but also has the ability to speak truth in love when mid-life corrections

must be made.

A watchword, of sorts, are the words of the Apostle Paul to the believers in Corinth (1 Corinthians 13) as written in contemporary language by Eugene H. Peterson in *The Message*;

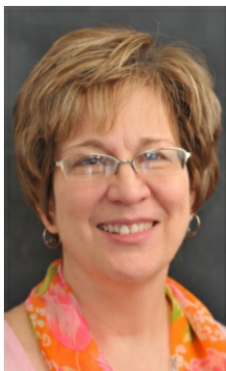
*“Love never gives up.
Love cares more for others than for self.
Love doesn’t want what it doesn’t have.
Love doesn’t strut,
Doesn’t have a swelled head,
Doesn’t force itself on others,
Isn’t always “me first,”
Doesn’t fly off the handle,
Doesn’t keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn’t revel when others grovel’
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with anything,
Trusts God always,
Always looks for the best,
Never looks back, But keeps going to the end.
Love never dies.”*

When kids are in conflict, as well as when they need to be commended and encouraged to continue being fully present and positive in their interactions, Grandma steps forward, fully immersed in the grace of our Mother God, and holds them close and nurtures them in their own unique and individual ways. **Love Language.** It is a necessary part of our learning and wisdom handed down from generation to generation—just as meant to be. God calls each one of us to be the bearers of God’s **Love Language**—necessary and life giving.

God’s peace be with you and God love you

Randy+

Music Notes



Karla Cole

**Director of Music
Ministries**

Sunday, June 11th at 3:00, we'll host the ***Eclectic Whirlwind*** in our sanctuary. This performing duo of my Skandihoovian friend, Rolf Krogstad and his Skandihoovian friend, Neils Billund will perform an eclectic mix of American and Scandinavian folk songs and fiddle tunes, as well as pop, rock and American standards. Come join us!

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News from Children's Ministries



Marion Hunner

**Director of
Children's Ministries**

On the last Sunday in April, the children and Marion presented a lesson to the congregation about the seasons of the church year. We had a lot of fun both preparing for this and sharing it with you! Thank you to our helpful volunteers who modeled some of the vestments.



We finished up the program year on Sunday, May 21st, with a Sunday School lesson about Pentecost and created Pentecost doves to decorate the altar.





On Sunday, June 4th, we will have a Blessing of the Wheels following the 9:30 service. There will not be Family Worship at 4pm on this day.



Knights of North Castle July 24-28 9am-noon

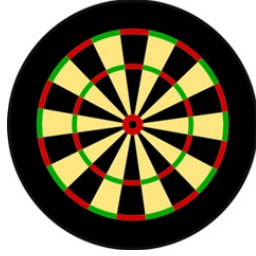
I am getting VERY excited for Vacation Bible School in July. Early Bird registration (save \$5) ends on June 4th. If you know any children age 3 through 5th grade who might be interested, please send them to our website www.stchristophers-mn.org/vbs for more information and a link to the registration form, or give them my email address and I will be happy to answer any questions. marion@stchristophers-mn.org

Hearts and Hands

Hearts and Hands packaged 295 bags of cookies for un-housed neighbors, donated on Thursday, May 18th.



Get on Target!



Bring your family and friends to the **BINGO BLAST!** - Wednesday, June 21st at 5:30pm. You'll be on target to have fun, food and win prizes and it's all free (a free will offering will be accepted). All are welcome!

Sunday Ministries

We have so very many ways to serve at St. Christopher's on Sunday mornings, and this is a great time to jump in and start something new! Here are just a few of those opportunities:

- Ushers (Greet folks, pass out bulletins, etc)
- Lectors (read scripture)
- Crucifer (lead the procession, help set the table for Eucharist)
- Intercessor (read prayers of the people)

These opportunities are scheduled on a quarterly basis, and each person serves approximately once a month (less often in the summer with combined services). For more information, please reach out to Marion Hunner. She will be working on the new schedule (July, August, September) very soon.

Plastic Bag Recycling



Have you noticed the bins throughout church that say "Plastic Bag Recycling"? For many years, St. Christopher's has been collecting bags and bringing them to Merrick, Incorporated. in Vadnais Heights. Our own parishioner, Mike Mann, works there. You might not think bringing your plastic bags to church amounts to much, but since 2008, Merrick has recycled **12,285,760 pounds** of plastic! Some of the plastic comes from donations from places like St. Christopher's and some from hospitals and other companies. In fact, 851,470 pounds of surgical wrap has been processed. The employees at Merrick sort and process the collected plastic which goes to the company Trex to become composite deck flooring.

So, St. Christopher's – keep up the good work! Keep bringing your plastic bags to church—and, you can even tell your neighbors and relatives about the program and bring theirs, too. It adds up to a lot of plastic that is not in the landfill!

Below is a list of what is accepted and not accepted.

Accepted

Bread bags
Cereal/pasta bags
(e.g. chip bags)
Dry cleaning bags
Garbage bags/liners
Grocery/retail bags
Ice bags
(has grid-like appearance)

Not Accepted

Bubble wrap
Aluminum/metallic-lined packaging

Bubble wrap
Frozen food bags
Hard plastic (e.g. reusable water bottles)
Material containing nylon

Newspaper sleeves
Non-paper bubble mailers
Packaging air pillows
Produce bags
Product wrap
Salt bags
Toilet paper/paper towel/water bottle wrapping
Ziploc /other resealable food storage bags (with the Zip-lock portion removed)

Here is the link to the website for a complete list <https://merrickinc.org/plastic-recycling/>

Thanks for all you do!

The Green Team

Below: Our own Mike Mann, at work at Merrick!



Tell us about Hwy 36



Take the Hwy 36 survey!

What is YOUR vision for the future of Hwy 36? MnDOT is conducting a study of Hwy 36 and needs your input. This study will look at car, truck, transit, bike and pedestrian use along and across the highway. As residents and community members of this area, our experiences and voices are valuable. Please visit the website to learn more about the study and take the survey.

Survey link: <https://metroquestsurvey.com/p61j>

Study website: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy36maplewood-roseville/> (Or use the QR code below)



CALENDAR for JUNE

1 Thursday

3:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

2 Friday

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM

3 Saturday

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

4 Sunday – TRINITY

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Coffee/Lemonade Hour

5 Monday

12 PM Private Spiritual Direction – Gathering Room

3 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

6 Tuesday

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

7:00 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall, Outdoors

7 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

6:30 PM Roseville Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

8 Thursday

9:30 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

3:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

9 Friday

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM

10 Saturday

10 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

11 Sunday – Pentecost 3

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Coffee/Lemonade Hour

3 PM The Eclectic Whirlwind – Concert – Church

12 Monday

12 PM Private Spiritual Direction – Gathering Room

3 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

5:30 PM Finance Team – Parish Hall

13 Tuesday

(Ruth begins vacation)

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

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

7:00 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall, Outdoors

14 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist

1:15 PM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

6:30 PM Roseville Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

15 Thursday

10:30 AM Hearts and Hands – Parish Hall

3:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

16 Friday

10 AM Christine Peterson Visitation

11 AM Christine Peterson Funeral

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM

17 Saturday

8 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

18 Sunday – Pentecost 4

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Coffee/Lemonade Hour

19 Monday

9 AM 75th Anniversary Committee – Gathering Room

12 PM Private Spiritual Direction – Gathering Room

3 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

6:45 PM Vestry – Parish Hall

20 Tuesday

(Ruth returns to office)

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

10 AM – O.A. – Room 218 (In person)

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

7:00 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall, Outdoors

7:00 PM SatSang Meditation - #218/Chapel

21 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

5:30 PM BINGO Blast – Parish Hall

6:30 PM Roseville Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

22 Thursday

3:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

23 Friday

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM

24 Saturday

25 Sunday – Pentecost 5

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Coffee/Lemonade Hour

26 Monday – e-Traveler Deadline

12 PM Private Spiritual Direction – Gathering Room

3 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

27 Tuesday

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

10 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

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

7:00 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall, Outdoors

28 Wednesday

10:45 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

6:30 PM Roseville Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

29 Thursday

3:15 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219- to 7:15 PM

30 Friday

4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM

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.



Last Words

I hope you have enjoyed the June e-Traveler!

Here we are, starting June! I am looking forward to brats and burgers on the grill, and maybe a few roasted marshmallows, too. (I love s'mores, too, but I can only eat ONE these days...)

Ruth Thillen
Parish Administrator

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VESTRY:

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Karla S. Cole, Director of Music Ministries
Rev. Christopher Haack, Deacon
Rev. Marilyn Baldwin, Assisting Priest
Rev. Randy W. Johnson, Rector

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:

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

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