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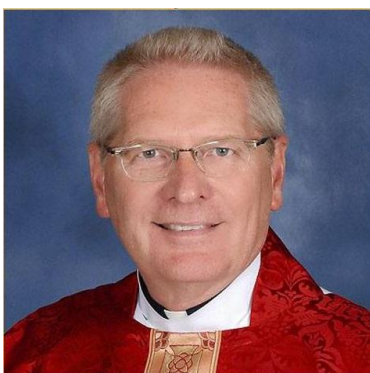
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Musings from a Mug...



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

Happy Easter and welcome to the Joy of Eastertide!

“Alleluia! Christ is Risen!” is the exhortation of the day. And the people respond, “The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!”

I really have not gotten my days mixed up. Yes, I do mean “Happy Easter!” This is the wonderful realization made on early Easter morning as I scooted into the office door at St. Christopher’s. In the early light of daybreak I could make out the bright, sunny faces of fresh yellow and blue pansies in a bowl which was set in a larger planter of now-dead tall grasses. The contrast was a direct recognition of the truth being made known to us at the end of Lent and the beginning of Eastertide. New light and life is returning to God’s creation...a true re-creation.

We are now done with Easter Sunday services and Easter egg hunts. We may have even put away our fancy new Easter clothes and our bunny decorations. But Easter isn’t over, at least not for the millions of Christians throughout history and throughout the world today.

Many Christians consider Easter to be, not a day, but a season of the year, a *seven-week* season at that. Easter Sunday begins a season in the church year that ends with Pentecost Sunday, the day Christians remember the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the earliest believers in Jesus.

This season is referred to as “Eastertide,” (“*Tide*” is an older English word that means “time” or “season.”) As we gather together as a faith community and attend

worship services in this Eastertide, we will be enjoying the singing and playing of Easter hymns and anthems, not only for Easter Sunday itself, but for the entirety of the season. We also continue to display the liturgical colors associated with Easter, white and gold signifying light, victory, and eternal life.

This Eastertide allows us to pause, explore the power of Jesus' resurrection, and take time to reflect upon and delight in the truth of Easter and its implications for our lives. Eastertide allows us to think deeply and to pray broadly about what the resurrection of Jesus means, both to us and to the world.

Easter is a season for feasting and fellowship, sharing the goodness of life and remembering that joy of the life to come.

“Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!”

Randy+

A Note from Mary



**The Rev.
Mary Rowe**
Assisting Priest

What a wonderful Easter season! Our church is exploding with hope and promise. Rev. Randy is just the leadership we need.

Let us continue to move forward in love and gratitude. It is the perfect time for a capital campaign.

Our first book club meeting is scheduled for May 19th after the 10:30 service, in the Library. We are going to discuss ***Ghost Map*** by Steven Johnson. Please come if you want to.

Mary+

Music Notes



Karla Cole
**Director of
Music Ministries**

Those of us who participate in Music Ministry live for Christmas and Holy

Week/Easter. It's not that we don't lavish attention on the music for any old Sunday in Epiphany or anything, we *do*. But we give particular care to those two particularly holy times of the year. And having just finished Holy Week and Easter, I am especially mindful of the musical contributions of the choir and handbell choir, as well as the other musical members of the church.

So I'd like to send a big "thank you" to the choir, who rehearse every Wednesday night and show up every Sunday, and put in long hours during holy week so that there will be extra special (and lot of extra) anthems for all of those services. They sang beautifully, with expression and conviction. And they took just one Wednesday evening off and will be back at it again until Pentecost. They are wonderful people with big hearts and creative souls. We are so fortunate to count them among us.

Then there are the handbell choir members, who rehearse weekly, but play less often A) because their music is frequently challenging to learn and B) it's hard to get them all together on the same great, historic day. They played most beautifully in Lent – I do hope you heard them – and then were off to the four winds again. But these folks are so good-hearted and so willing to follow me down the nearest rabbit hole. All I do is send out an email and they show up and play beautifully! It could be a sparkly handbell part for 4 ringers, or, as we did on Easter Day, it could be 9 separate parts for handbell ringers and percussion players. Over the course of Holy Week, they chimed and tolled for When Jesus Wept, they provided Medieval dances and thunderstorms and festive ringing at the Vigil, and then created awe and mystery on Easter morning. These faithful musicians are up for almost anything. And I am so grateful!

And I want to give one personal shout-out to Ruthie, one of our own kids, who is becoming a very fine cellist. She was up there on Easter morning, playing with and holding her own with the professional string ensemble. She played so beautifully, and every bit as professionally as the pros. Waaay back in the day, I got my start playing my little Bach inventions on the organ while the organist trekked downstairs to communion from the organ loft – so it pleases me no end to see Ruthie take up the mantle of sharing her musical gifts with St. Christopher's community. She joins with Patrick, who plays in the handbell choir now, and has always been ready and willing to play a percussion part, play a marimba solo, or help out wherever he can. We are so blessed by their cheerful giving of musical gifts and the gifts of all our St. Christopher's musicians. Do offer them your best when you see them next!

Karla Cole

Footprints MAY 2019 - News from Children's Ministries



Marion Hunner

**Children's Ministries
Director**



May 5th – Our final Children’s Chapel for the program year – 10:30am

We will devote our time to three main components of the Liturgy of the Word: **Singing, Scripture, and Prayer**. We join our families in the liturgy at the Peace.

May 19th – Lots going on at St. Christopher’s!

- **Parent Meeting** – I invite anyone with children birth-5th grade to join me at 9:30 in the Gathering Room to discuss our children’s programming – I want to know what is working for you, what isn’t, and how we can make our program even better next year! I am also looking for input on what summer activities you would like available beyond VBS.
- **“Recognition Sunday.”** At the 10:30 service we recognize everyone involved in Faith Formation. We will also be moving our 5th grader to the youth group and presenting our graduating seniors with their tie blankets. There will be a reception following the service.
- **Baptism** There will also be a baptism today!
- It takes a LOT of dedicated volunteers to make our children’s programs so successful. I would like to especially thank some of those key people:
- **Sunday School** – Teachers and assistants present lessons on a rotating schedule Sept – May. **Thank you** to Kathy Ackerman, Jean Darnell, Carol Duff, and Chris Huntley.
- **Children’s Chapel** – First Sunday of the month Oct – May. **Thank You** to Becky Lucas for leading our liturgy, and Jennifer Wright & Patrick Hunner for leading music.
- **Nursery** – Volunteers serve in pairs about once a month to provide a warm, welcoming environment to our youngest parishioners – and a quiet worship opportunity for their parents. **Thank you** to Allison Jensen, Bill Cross, Connie Hendrick, Ebie Richards, Janet Campanaro, Jean Crow, and Mary Friend. We are always looking for new folks to serve in this ministry! Contact Marion for more information.
- **Bulletin Boards, Decorations, and Poster displays** (anything artistic!!) **Thank you** to Darlene Cross, Karen Hanna, and Jane Suilman

Summer Opportunities:

St. Christopher’s will be walking in the **Roseville Parade** on Monday, June 24! Mark your calendars and watch for details. The more the merrier! Plus, if you register for VBS before the early deadline (6/2), you will have your shirt to wear in the parade.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 22-26 -
Information and Registration is available on our



website: <https://www.stchristophers-mn.org/vbs.html>
and paper copies are available on the Children's Ministries bulletin board across from the Children's Library. Participants are PK – 5th grade, and Youth Volunteers are 6th grade and up.



Episcopal Church in Minnesota has several summer camp opportunities for kids and families of all ages, shapes and sizes! Go to this link to learn more: <https://episcopalmn.org/camp>



Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast!

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, May 12th, after each service. All are welcome (free will offering only). This meal is being put on by a group of men wishing to honor all the Ladies of St Christopher's.

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



The Time Has Come!

The **Creating Our Future – Fulfilling Our Mission** Capital Campaign is off to a great start and this month volunteers will be delivering pledge information and commitment cards to all households. As a reminder, we are conducting this effort to eliminate our solar panel debt and grow the endowment fund.

For those receiving visits, please welcome these volunteers warmly and keep the campaign and those who are giving of their time in your prayers. We are asking parishioners to prayerfully consider a 3-year campaign commitment, above and beyond their regular giving. Please know, gifts at all levels are appreciated, and all are confidential. Thank you for your consideration!

The parish will be updated soon on campaign totals and next steps. This is an important moment in our church's history and we thank you for your interest!

Green Team Update

Happy Spring from the Green Team! We have a lot of events coming up and we hope you can join us for any or all.

Adopt A Highway: May 5th at 9: 00.

St. Christopher's is in charge of picking up trash on Hamline Avenue from County Road B to County Road C. We will do this after the early service. Vests and bags provided. Just bring some gloves and help us beautify Roseville.

Bike Blessing: June 2nd

Bring your bike, scooter, roller blades, or whatever you "ride" in the summer to the lower parking lot. We will have a short prayer service and blessing at 9:00. Don't forget your helmet!

Giving garden:

We will be planting the garden sometime towards the end of May (watch the Christogram for a specific date). We would love any extra pair of hands to help plant. Keystone really appreciates the produce we harvest throughout the summer. Also look for a sign-up sheet to help water and tend the garden.

Happy hour and weeding:

Look for dates when we will have a weeding happy hour. The garden gets run over with weeds so we are making weeding fun by combining it with happy hour. Come have a beer and pull a weed or two; it will help increase our produce yield.

Earth Day: April 22nd

The Green Team believe that **every day** is Earth Day! Keep on recycling, bringing your own bags to shop, using LED lights, carpooling, walking more, ...

Enjoy spring,

The Green Team



MAY Calendar Highlights!

May 1 - Wednesday

11:30 AM PPP&S (Pensioners Praying, Partying and Sharing)-Parish Hall

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

5:30 PM Youth Group - Youth Room, Parish Hall

6:15 PM Bell Choir - Balcony

7:15 PM Parish Choir - Music Room

May 4 - Saturday

5:00 PM Silent Auction Cocktails and Canapes Event - Parish Hall

May 5 - SUNDAY - Easter 3

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

May 7 - Tuesday

10:00 AM Nancy Reinhardt Visitation - Chapel

11:00 AM Nancy Reinhardt Funeral - Church

May 8 - Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

3:00 PM PM Staff Meeting - Office

6:15 PM Bell Choir - Balcony

7:00 PM Green Team - Library

7:15 PM Parish Choir - Music Room

May 9 - Thursday

1:00 PM Knitting - Library

May 10 - Friday

1:00 PM Couples Bridge - Parish Hall

May 12 - SUNDAY - Easter 4 - Mother's Day

Pancake Breakfast after both services

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

May 13 - Monday

5:30 PM Finance Committee - Gathering Room

May 15 - Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

3:00 PM Staff Meeting - Office

6:15 PM Bell Choir - Balcony

7:15 PM Parish Choir - Music Room

May 16 - Thursday

10:30 AM Hearts & Hands - Parish Hall

May 19 - SUNDAY - Easter 5 - Recognition Sunday

Last Sunday of Sunday School, Youth Formation

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Baptism

May 20 - Monday

6:45 PM Vestry - Parish Hall

May 21 - Tuesday

11:30 AM - Meals on Wheels - Offsite

May 22 - Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

3:00 PM Staff Meeting - Office

5:45 PM Capital Campaign Committee - Library

6:15 PM Bell Choir - Balcony

7:15 PM Parish Choir - Music Room

May 26 - SUNDAY - Easter 6

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

May 27 - Monday - Memorial Day - Office Closed

May 28 - Tuesday

e-Traveler Deadline

May 29 - Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

3:00 PM Staff Meeting - Office

6:15 PM Bell Choir - Balcony

7:15 PM Parish Choir - Music Room

May 30 - Thursday - Ascension Day

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 MAY ***e-Traveler!***

May? How did it get to be MAY already? I am happy to welcome Spring sunshine (as well as rainy days) with the Easter season. Pentecost is way out on June 9th, so we can stretch out and enjoy a long warming time filled with Alleluias.



I've re-arranged the e-Traveler a bit this month. Let me know what you think! See you all soon!

Ruth Thillen
Parish Administrator

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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Joel Norton, Sr. Warden; Kathy Ackerman, Jr. Warden
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Karla S. Cole, Director of Music Ministries
Rev. Mary Rowe, Assisting Priest
Rev. Janet MacNally, Deacon
Rev. Randy W. Johnson, Rector

Our REGULAR Sunday Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Fellowship

9:30-10:20 AM Children's Education-Room 107

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

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

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

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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