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A Note from Rev Daniel Pearson



The Rev.
Daniel V. Pearson

Transition Priest

Northside Snow

April 23, 2018

Driving along the highway on my way home from St. Christopher's yesterday, I took notice of the late Spring phenomenon of melting snow. What a contrast this Sunday was from just a week ago when a late winter storm clogged driveways and roads with 15 inches of snow, severely affecting attendance at worship. But this Sunday was glorious-bright sun and the temperature rising into the 60's!

Back to the melting snow. Along the highways, hillsides and north sides of buildings, the last vestiges of winter were hanging on. It's about temperature and the angle of the sun. I wonder about that snow. Is it eager to be gone, signaling transformation to a new season of growth? Or is it holding on, not wanting to change and move forward?

It's natural to have ambivalence about change. Some changes strike us as good; some not so much. If we suffer from addiction, it's good to get help, but that help also involves getting a new kind of life-surely a challenge for all concerned. It can take time to discover what changes auger for increased health and vitality and which ones takes us in the opposite direction.



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Unlike the snow that, perhaps for just this week, can hold on along the north side until it naturally and inevitably will melt, we humans can hold on to what needs to change for season after season, year after year. It can be hard to let go of old habits, of withering expectations, of crumbling patterns or our preferred way of doing things.

The resurrection life is about transformation, the movement announced in The Great Vigil of Easter as Paschal light overcomes darkness, and the singing of the Exsultet celebrates the night "when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom or sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life." And more: the night that "restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and bring peace and concord....." And more: see The Book of Common Prayer, p. 287.

For The Great Fifty Days, we in the liturgical church celebrate the transforming power of our Risen Christ—a whole season to get the message of the new life that awaits our consent. Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

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The Deacon Discusses



The Rev.
Janet MacNally,
Deacon

I have attended several interfaith and/or community meetings in the past year, and each time I introduced myself as the Deacon from St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, I was greeted with polite but bewildered looks from those attending the meeting. "We are located at Hamline and Hwy 36," I then offer; still no reaction. "Right where the entrance ramp to the freeway is," I add, thinking, this is one they will know. Still no reaction. "We are the church with the solar panels," and then I get recognition, or should I say, we get applause! The solar panels have now become an addition every time I introduce myself and where I am associated, because it is not only "the thing we are most known for," but it is a hugely popular asset at that. And for that we have the foresight and insight of our Green Team.

There are so many things that our Green Team has accomplished over the recent years. And while the solar panels are

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Our PROGRAM YEAR 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

-Chapel

(2nd & 4th)

10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM

Fellowship

Wednesday:

12:15 PM

Holy Eucharist

-Chapel

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9 AM - 4 PM

certainly the most notable one to those outside our doors, the contribution of their efforts has been a gift not only to us, their faith community, but to the community at large. Those nifty, presorted recycle bins in the parish hall were obtained through a grant, and make sorting out our recycling even that much easier. We have all new energy efficient lighting throughout the church that helps us to lower electric bills, but also spare the environment as well. The Giving Garden also comes under their care as we plant vegetables to harvest for the Keystone Food Shelf, as well as planting monarch and bee friendly plants in and around the vegetables to help those smallest of endangered species. The Green Team's presence at St. Christopher's has not only made our lives richer but has been of benefit our neighbors as well.

The truth is, when the earth suffers from our failures to tend to her well being, it is the poorest of our neighbors who bear the greatest share of the result. Severe drought in sections of this world have made it impossible for the poorest of our sisters and brothers to provide the most basic of human needs, water. Not only water to sustain human life, but water necessary for growing food. When the temperature of the world's oceans and seas rises but even just a few degrees, the results can and have produced catastrophic storms that cross landscapes without regard to damage they cause and the people they displace. (Parts of Puerto Rico are still without power and easy access to fresh water from Hurricane Maria.) It is the people who suffer through the storms that have least who are affected the most. We are reminded more than once by Jesus that we are to care for the poor, for the least, the last, and lost among us, and when we take what may seem as even the smallest of steps to care for the earth, we do just that.

I am grateful for the efforts of our Green Team. They have, through their care and concern for this "planet earth our island home," reminded me time and again that to care for least of these we care for Christ, to tend to the earth is to tend to our neighbors. It is (finally) spring! Time to plant, to tend and continue to conserve one of the greatest gifts God has entrusted to us, the earth. The good news is that even the smallest of efforts on our part combined can make the greatest of difference.

"Every good gift of the year now with its Master returns!"
Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Alleluia it is Spring!

Amen,
Deacon Janet



Footprints
MAY 2018

News from Children's
Ministries



Food Shelf Update

March and April food donations amounted to a total of 95 pounds.

Thank you all.

--Pamela Case

From Keystone Community Services:

"During the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, Keystone donors contributed \$103,302 and 21,160 pounds of food to keep our food shelves filled with healthy food that thousands of people rely on. This is a giant step forward in helping us raise the \$200,000 needed each year to keeping our food shelves stocked with healthy food like produce, meat, dairy, and more.

Thank you! "

Knitters' Update

May 10th will be last meeting of the season; we do, however, continue knitting on our own during the summer.

If anyone of you

Marion Hunner
Children's Ministries Director

May 6th at 10:30 AM

Our final Children's Chapel for the program year

We will devote our time to three main components of the Liturgy of the Word:

- Singing - with the help of Jennifer Wright and Patrick Hunner, we will be introducing some new songs that are fun and easy to learn.
- Scripture - we will read a story from the Gospel, with active, interactive response time
- Prayer - we will incorporate the children's individual prayers into our prayers of the people

likes to knit and would like to help out with strips for a blanket which will go to a homeless person, I would appreciate hearing from you. All knitting should be garter stitch. Please call 651-633-5749.

Thank you
Pamela Case

May 13th is "Recognition Sunday." This is when we recognize everyone involved in Faith Formation. It takes a LOT of dedicated volunteers to make our children's programs so successful - even when our enrollment is small. 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 Sulman.

Summer Opportunities:



St. Christopher's will be walking in the Roseville Parade on Monday, June 25! Mark your calendars and watch for details. The more the merrier!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 17-21st



Information and Registration (online or PDF) 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 (your registration forms are on the youth bulletin board).

ECMN Summer Camps



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: <http://episcopalmn.org/children,-youth-and-camping>

Youth News



Chad O'Leary

Youth Director

Happy Spring (finally)! Please see the information below for all May announcements!

Youth Group Date: May 2 (6:15-7:45 PM)

This will be our end of the year celebration! Come for pizza, some minute-to-win-it games, medallion hunt and a few other surprises. Let's spend some time together before summer vacation takes us in a million directions!

Vacation Bible School: Peer Leaders Needed!

July 23-27, St. Christopher's

Have you helped out with VBS in the past or interested in giving it shot this year? YOU SHOULD! It will be held at St. Christopher's July 23-27 and the theme is "Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus" (I'm sensing you may be able to dress like a pirate). For more information, visit <http://www.stchristophers-mn.org/vbs.html> or

contact Marion.

Episcopal Quest Camp July 15-21, Sturgeon Lake

For the past six summers the Episcopal Church in Minnesota has offered a phenomenal camp for those interested in wilderness adventure, overcoming fear, finding one's self, and building community. There are two ways to participate. The camp is designed for middle school students (gr 6-8) but is essentially ran by trained high school peer leaders (gr 9-12). For more information, visit the Episcopal Church in Minnesota website at <http://episcopalmn.org/children,-youth-and-camping>

Thank You!

Each May, it is right to give thanks for the many hearts and hands that make a comprehensive program such as this thrive. First, I would like to extend my thanks, on behalf of the youth and me, to our regular volunteers: Elizabeth Grayden and Pete Lee. We would not be able to offer youth programming without these committed adults. Thanks, too, to other members of our talented staff who have given time to mentor our young people and help them take important steps to becoming their most authentic selves. Finally, thank you for our parents and families who have frequently stepped up to help ensure that we are able to maintain high quality experiences for our youth.

"There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven. Summer is a time for ice cream cones, driveway basketball games, neighborhood swimming, and lazy afternoons. May the joyous season of summer reflect God's loving care for our children and youth. Let us enjoy our times of sun, relaxation, and leisure with our friends and family."

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Much Peace on the Journey,
Chad O'Leary

Green Team

Happy Spring from the Green Team! We have a lot going on now, that spring has sprung. On Saturday, May 19th, we will be working on the giving garden. We would love extra hands so if you are free, meet at the giving garden at 10:00 AM. We will weed, hoe, plant, and prep the area in hopes of another successful season growing food for our neighbors in Roseville. If anyone has a rototiller we can borrow, please let the office know.



On June 3rd, we will have the bike blessing (hopefully it won't be pouring rain like last year!). Bring your bikes and helmets and meet outside the lower narthex doors at 9:00. The clergy have a nice prayer service and then they bless the bikers and their bikes.

On June 25th, we will participate in the Roseville parade. It is a great way to show off St. Christopher's and all the wonderful things we have to offer. Everyone is welcome to walk with the float and pass out candy and VBS information and perhaps even play a hand bell. Look for more information in the Christogram for details.

The Green team is wrapping up another calendar year, so join us for our last meeting before we break for the summer. We will meet on May 9th at Stouts (Snelling and Larpenteur), 7:00 PM.

May Calendar Highlights

2 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

6:15 PM Youth Group - Youth Room
7:15 PM Parish Choir - Music Room



6 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Children's Chapel

7 11:00 AM Richard (Dick) Zwieg funeral

8 Meals on Wheels - Offsite

9 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

4:00 PM Staff Meeting - Office
7:00 PM Green Team - Parish Hall
7:15 PM Parish Choir - Music Room

10 1:00 PM Knitting - Library

11 6:30 PM Couples Bridge - Parish Hall

13 Mother's Day

Recognition Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

14 5:30 PM Finance Committee - AUDIT

16 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

7:15 PM Parish Choir - Music Room

20 PENTECOST - Together@9:30!

9:30 AM Eucharist
10:30 AM Brunch

21 6:45 PM Vestry - Parish Hall

23 11:30 AM "PPP&S" - Parish Hall

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel

4:00 PM Staff Meeting - Office

7:15 PM Parish Choir - Music Room

27 **Trinity Sunday**

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

28 Memorial Day - Office Closed

29 Meals on Wheels - Offsite

e-Traveler Deadline

30 **12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Chapel**

6:15 PM Bell Choir - Balcony

7:15 PM Parish Choir - Music Room

31 **5:30 PM Community Dinner - Parish Hall**

Last Words

I hope you have enjoyed the May **e-Traveler**.

As I write, Spring has finally decided to stay with us, and the snow piles left from plowing our parking areas are almost gone. Thanks be to God! This is why I love living in Minnesota, though - the change of seasons is really noticeable!

Sincerely,

Ruth Thillen, Parish Administrator

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