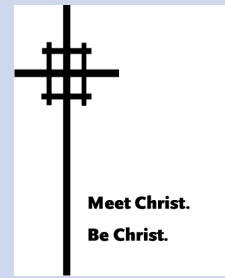


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From the Rector



**The Rev.
Randy W. Johnson**

Rector

I Know A Guy *by Fr. Randy+*

Finally! A day in which the wind speed was less than a Category 1 tornado! Or, at least it seems like the wind has been whistling across the prairie like The Wizard of Oz for a few weeks! I decided it was time to stop being a “window peeper”—no, not the creepy kind—you know, peeping at the outside world from the comfort of our kitchen. It was finally the day to buck it up and go for a walk in the neighborhood.

On with the coat and hat and off we go! Hmmm...I did not know they were already starting to build on that lot up on the hill. Boy! The road is delaminating and is full of deep potholes. I see that the neighbors are back from their spring break vacation.

I came upon a couple of guys standing on the curb line at a mailbox. I am immediately pulled into their conversation about lawnmowers. **“I know a guy...,”** was the phrase that rolled out one of the men’s mouths as their conversation continued. I tactfully excused myself and continued on my way until I came across two women waiting for their young students to be dropped off at the corner bus stop. **“I know a guy...,”** flowed into the conversation as they talked about getting some repairs done to drawers in her kitchen, which was quickly followed by the other woman saying, **“I know a guy...,”** who does interior painting very reasonably.

It seems like nearly everybody **Knows A Guy!** And most people are really excited and willing to share good news about that person and serve as a witness and advocate for what **that guy** can do for us!

I wonder what it could be like—what it would be like—if we were bold enough to share our own experience and witness to others about **that Guy, Jesus**. Maybe we don't feel confident enough about how we can speak of him—about what he does in our lives and in those of others. Maybe we think we will stumble and fall, or even be rejected by those with whom we share our witness.

But maybe...just maybe...those are the exact words that a person needs to hear from us—**I Know A Guy**.

The Psalmist provides us with words of truth and encouragement to propel us forward in proclaiming in word and action our intimate knowledge of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And, it may just be **The Guy** our neighbor needs to be introduced to today.

Psalm 23 The Divine Shepherd

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Blessings to you this day as you walk along the pathway of life with Jesus. Be assured, someone along your way is waiting for you share the Good News of the Gospel--to point their way to the one who is the Light of the World. Point the way—**You Know The Guy!**

Peace and all things good. *Randy+*



ECMN Night at the Twins

By Marion Hunner

If you would like to join me, and the families of St. Christopher's, on Tuesday, June 21st at the Twins game, **please email me at marion@stchristophers-mn.org by Wednesday, May 4th.** I will be purchasing a block of tickets (you can reimburse me) so that we can sit together in the family section (\$20 includes a ticket, hot dog and drink). For more information about this event go to: <https://episcopalmn.org/events/open-all/episcopal-night-minnesota-twins> . There's a *fun* video invitation from Bishop Loya on this page!

Footprints May 2022 News from Children's Ministries



Marion Hunner

**Director of
Children's Ministries**

May first is MAY DAY! Following our family worship service, we will deliver flowers and post cards to the residents of the apartment complex across the street from St. Christopher's. **Families of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome to join us! Worship begins at 4pm.**

We will finish off the program year with two more yoga lessons on May 8 & 15. For our final session together on May 22, we will do a service project.

Last month we made Empty Tomb Gardens. Each family made one to take home, then we made one for Episcopal Church Homes. Carol Duff lovingly delivered the garden and a card to them with instructions for watering. They sent a picture to show us that it grew!



We also tied a fleece blanket for our graduating senior, Erica Norton.



Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School 2022!

Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God

July 25-29 9am-noon

Invite your family and friends to join you!

Participants are age 3 – 5th grade

Youth Volunteers have completed 6th – 12th grade

Adult Volunteers are . . . well, older than that!



Registration will be available starting Easter Sunday for participants and youth volunteers.

Adults who are interested in helping, please reach out to Marion

Lenten Reflections

by Marion Hunner

I would like to offer one final shout out to everyone who contributed to our Lenten Reflections. Over the 40 days of Lent, we heard from 32 different voices. For some this was very comfortable, while others dared to stretch themselves. Every single entry was meaningful to me, and I have heard from several members of our community that this was very much appreciated.

Kathy Ackerman, Robert Allen, Cheryl Bailey, Marilyn Baldwin, Sally Brown, Karla Cole, Scott Crow, Jean Crow, Madisen Crow, Karen Hartman, Connie Hendrick, Barb Hovey, Marion Hunner, Allison Jensen, Randy Johnson, Josh Kattelman, Lyn Lawyer, Pete & Cindy Lee, Pippa Lindwright, Becky Lucas, Chris Mayr, Kate Norlander, Mary Pendergrass, Angela Robinson, Mary Rowe, Julie Shiek, Don Shiek, Mike Sirany, Ann Trapnell, Bruce Warkentien, Cassidy Wegwerth, Jennifer Wright.

Green Team

Gardening can be as simple as buying a pot of pansies from your favorite retailer or florist and putting them outside on a porch or balcony to catch some rain from Heaven. If the rain's a bit scanty this May, water them a bit, too.

Or you could dig in a bit deeper and help out with the Giving Garden. For more than 10 years, we at St. Christopher's have been growing food for our hungry neighbors. We give it to the local food shelf, whose staff assures that it is distributed to those who need it most.

Please join the Giving Garden team. All the garden needs is some of your time (that is required — many folks sign up for just a week of working in the garden), a measure of interest, and a dose of patience.

If you have grown vegetables before, you may remember that after the seed is sown, there is the waiting. Will the _____ (beets, potatoes, squash, etc.) ever sprout from the soil?

Most years, yes! The beets were a bust last year — the GG Team does not know why. But the new-to-the-Giving-Garden butternut squash did well. So the team carries on — and could grow more in our expanded garden, with your hands. The garlic, planted in fall, should be up by July, fingers crossed. Won't that be fun?

We are pleased when we can offer our neighbors 500 to 750 pounds of fresh food each summer: tomatoes, bell peppers, hot peppers, onions, potatoes, this year garlic, and more. For training or more information, contact Jeff Jensen (651-270-5947) or Joel or Leslie Norton (joel.leslie23@gmsail.com) or Allison Jensen (651-492-5931).

This brief report is to keep you, our faith family, informed about the work and actions taken by the Vestry on April 18.

Finance: With getting back to normal operations, building use income is on the rise, while heating expenses for the church increased in the first quarter of the year. We are also anticipating increased facilities expenses. Thanks to Treasurer Jean Crow, Tom Linder, and Ruth Thillen, our audit has been completed for the year in a Diocesan audit event. At the recommendation of Finance, the Vestry approved the pre-payment of Diocesan Mission and Ministry Support for the balance of the year.

Altar Guild: After two years, the 10 member team recently met in person led by Jennifer Wright. They are planning to purchase new linens and other needed items to replace worn items for services. Faith family members interested in the ministry of the Altar Guild are encouraged to contact Jennifer.

Buildings and Grounds is looking at installing gutter covers on the NE corner of the church where trees are growing out of the gutter, and water backup might be the cause of Sacristy and back stairway smell. They are also working on having the air conditioner fixed in the Gathering Room for summer activities.

Children's Ministries: The Vacation Bible School theme is "Food Truck Party On a Roll With God," and will take place July 25-29. The plan is to tie our St. Christopher's Day celebration, on July 31, into the VBS theme. Folks interested in volunteering to help with VBS should contact Marion.

The Faith Family Welfare Team delivered some spirit-lifting goodies to some faith family members. They are helping Children's Ministries deliver May Day baskets to our neighbors in the development across Hamline Ave.

Planning for the Giving Garden is underway, with the delivery of compost in the near future.

Green Team is hosting coffee and treats after services on April 24 in honor of Earth Day. Thank YOU!

Hearts and Hands delivered Easter plants to our homebound faith family members Holy Week and assembled Easter eggs for Children's Ministries Easter Egg hunt.

Under unfinished business, the Vestry approved the donation of the historical hymnal to the U of M libraries for everyone to enjoy.

Thanks to Rev. Marilyn Baldwin, the Holy Saturday labyrinth session in the parish hall was a big success, with many faith family members taking advantage of it and participating in the service. Plans are to hold future parish hall labyrinth sessions quarterly starting in July.

Fr. Randy shared that we are enrolled in a National Episcopal paid research study on Episcopal Church parish ministry through 2026. It will provide valuable information for the greater church and our parish. We will receive a \$2,500 stipend for our participation.

Also with it getting warmer and us going to summer schedule in late May, we will go back to doing Lemonade On the Lawn.

A big shout out to all our faith family members make our Lenten programs and Holy Week and Easter Services so wonderful!

Please feel free to contact any of our Vestry members if you have questions or comments. The meeting minutes will be available after they have been approved at the next Vestry meeting on May 16th. Thank you for all you do for our faith family!

Coming UP!

We will move to our Summer Worship Schedule on Sunday, May 29th (Memorial Day Weekend). We'll be **Together at 9:30 AM!**

CALENDAR for MAY

1 Sunday – Easter 3

8 AM Holy Eucharist

9:30 AM Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

4 PM Family Worship

2 Monday

3:00 PM to 8 PM - Cello Lessons - Music Room

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

3 Tuesday

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

10:00 AM Tuesday OA - #218

2 PM to 6 PM - Cello Lessons - #218/219

6 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Rehearsal - Parish Hall

7 PM Recorder Consort - Church

4 Wednesday

10 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

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

6:30 PM Roseville Wednesday AA - Gathering Room

7:15 PM Choir rehearsal

5 Thursday (Cinco de Mayo!)

3:45 PM to 7 PM - Cello Lessons - #218/219

5 PM to 8 PM - Cello Lessons - Music Room

6 Friday

3:45 PM to 6:45 PM - Cello Lessons - #218/219

7 Saturday

9 AM Flute Lessons - Music Room

8 Sunday – Easter 4 – Mother's Day

8 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

9 Monday

9 AM *Private Spiritual Direction - Library*
10:15 AM *Private Spiritual Direction - Library*
3:00 PM to 8 PM - *Cello Lessons - Music Room*
3:15 PM to 7 PM - *Cello Lessons - #218/219*
6:45 PM Finance Team - Parish Hall

10 Tuesday

8:45 AM *Private Spiritual Direction – Library*
10:00 AM *SG Peer Group – Gathering Room – to Noon*
10:00 AM *Tuesday OA - #218*
2 PM to 6 PM - *Cello Lessons - #218/219*
6 PM *Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Rehearsal - Parish Hall*
7 PM Recorder Consort - Church

11 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Church
6:30 PM *Roseville Wednesday AA - Gathering Room*
7:15 PM Choir rehearsal

12 Thursday

3:45 PM to 7 PM - *Cello Lessons - #218/219*
5 PM to 8 PM - *Cello Lessons - Music Room*

13 Friday

3:45 PM to 6:45 PM - *Cello Lessons - #218/219*

14 Saturday

9 AM *Flute Lessons - Music Room*

15 Sunday – Easter 5

8 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

16 Monday

3:00 PM to 8 PM - *Cello Lessons - Music Room*
3:15 PM to 7 PM - *Cello Lessons - #218/219*
6:45 PM Vestry - Parish Hall

17 Tuesday

8:30 AM *Private Spiritual Direction – Gathering Room – to 5:30 PM*
10:00 AM *Private Spiritual Direction – Library*
10:00 AM *Tuesday OA - #218*
10:30 AM Meals on Wheels - Offsite
2 PM to 6 PM - *Cello Lessons - #218/219*
6 PM *Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Rehearsal - Parish Hall*
7 PM *Meditation Group - #218 & Chapel*

7 PM Recorder Consort - Church

18 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Church

2 PM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

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

6:30 PM Roseville Wednesday AA - Gathering Room

7:15 PM Choir rehearsal

19 Thursday

5 PM to 8 PM - Cello Lessons - Music Room

3:45 PM to 7 PM - Cello Lessons - #218/219

20 Friday

3:45 PM to 6:45 PM - Cello Lessons - #218/219

21 Saturday

8:30 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

9 AM Flute Lessons - Music Room

1 PM Richardson Student Recital – Church

3 PM Richardson Student Recital – Church

22 Sunday – EASTER 6 – Recognition Sunday

8 AM Holy Eucharist

9:30 AM Last Sunday School

9:30 AM Coffee Hour

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

23 Monday -- e-Traveler Deadline!

3:00 PM to 8 PM - Cello Lessons - Music Room

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

24 Tuesday

10:00 AM Tuesday OA - #218

2 PM to 6 PM - Cello Lessons - #218/219

6 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Rehearsal - Parish Hall

25 Wednesday

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist - Church

6:30 PM - Roseville Wednesday AA - Gathering Room

7:15 PM Choir rehearsal

26 Thursday

3:45 PM to 7 PM - Cello Lessons - #218/219

5 PM to 8 PM - Cello Lessons - Music Room

27 Friday

3:45 PM to 6:45 PM - Cello Lessons - #218/219

28 Saturday

9 AM Flute Lessons - Music Room

29 Sunday - Easter 7

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

30 Monday – MEMORIAL DAY - CLOSED

31 Tuesday

2 PM to 6 PM - Cello Lessons - #218/219

6 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Rehearsal - Parish Hall

Please note that MOST of our outside groups have returned to meeting in the building. Those groups are now on this calendar to avoid over-scheduling.

Always check with the church office before scheduling a meeting.

Last Words



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

I'm looking forward to warmer May days, where I can leave my coat at home, and maybe good kite-flying weather. When I was a kid, they taught us that March winds were for kite flying, but, I've always found March too cold for that! Meanwhile, things are turning green really fast, and the birds are celebrating spring!

Ruth Thillen

Parish Administrator

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Rev. Randy W. Johnson, Rector

Our Regular Schedule:

Recorded Sermons for each Sunday are on our website.

Sunday: 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School (Not on First Sundays)

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

Wednesday: 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

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