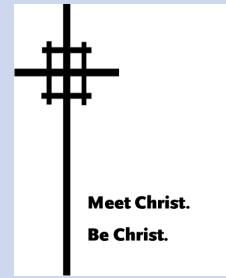


St. Christopher's

## e-Traveler



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### From the Rector



**The Rev.  
Randy W. Johnson**

**Rector**

### **Radical... just way too radical!!!** *by Fr. Randy+*

In this political season of hyper-charged claims, and posturing, and chest-pounding about who is most right and who is most wrong, we have heard the term *radical* being bandied about. In nearly all cases, it is meant as a slight, or a slam, of a way to severely criticize another person. It divides people and even leans into something I would consider “hate speech” towards another. It is something of a polar opposite of what Holy Scripture teaches us to be and how to live as a follower of Jesus.

I would like to refocus and shift our conversation about being *radical...truly radical*, into the realm of how Jesus teaches us to live—with *radical hospitality*.

One of my favorite professors at Luther College is Dwight Zscheile, an Episcopal Priest, assistant professor Congregational Mission and Leadership, and prolific author of several books on the new face of the missional church. One of the topics he has studied and taught is the practical concept of hospitality. The logic of the church establishment is to *offer* hospitality to our neighbors, inviting them to our feasts and church activities. And frankly, this is a worthy thing to do, and we should do it as sensitively and graciously as possible. He notes that God comes to us as a needy stranger whom we are called to feed and clothe, and support—as Jesus makes clear in Matthew

But the reality of Jesus' teaching is that this is only half of the picture. Jesus teaches additionally that we are to learn to *be* guests—to rely upon the hospitality of the neighborhood. *Isn't that a turn-about!* This new reality comes into focus in the story of the sending of the seventy disciples in Luke 10:10-12. They are appointed to go ahead of him into towns and villages where they may meet resistance and rejection. Despite this, they are to depend solely on the hospitality of these people for their well-being. They are to heal the sick and proclaim God's reign in all of their encounters—both positive and negative.

In Zscheile's book, *People of the Way; Renewing Episcopal Identity*, he points out that hospitality is radicalized—it is reversed! Disciples do not offer hospitality *to* the neighbor or stranger, but seek hospitality *of* the neighbor or stranger. Doing so exposes us to vulnerability. It is almost unimaginable to us! But in not doing so, we miss a central opportunity—to receive *from* those whom we serve. *“Without the building of community, especially across lines of social difference, it's hard for there to be a mutuality and reciprocity, for us to grow and be transformed as the Spirit works between us and our neighbor.”*

Last Sunday after worship services, we had a lovely time hosting our Afghan family for a “get to know you brunch.” We shared names, and stories, and food, and smiles, and fellowship. The Afghan women had brought lovely flatbread to share at this joyous gathering. It was a mutual time of caring and learning and connecting and engaging. *And—it is radical!!! And—it was wonderful!!!*

Dwight Zscheile writes; *“We are being invited to join up with God's ongoing movement in our neighborhoods, trusting that the Spirit is at work in the lives of our neighbors, that we meet God there, and that by going with empty hands as learners we will experience God's peace. We must go as Christ came to us—as guests, in a posture of humility and dependence.”*

And isn't that the most radical approach to living into our relationship with Jesus and others that we could ever choose? *Let's get radical—radical in Christ!*

Randy+

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## Music Notes



**Karla Cole**

**Director of Music  
Ministries**

Are you coming to Guy Fawkes Night? The Brits call it Bonfire Night and have

street parties with bonfires, sparklers, and toffee apples. Oh, and they sometimes burn Mr. Fawkes in effigy. They're celebrating the failure of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, wherein some disaffected Catholics thought to blow up the Houses of Parliament. They expected King James I to support greater religious tolerance so his Catholic subjects could more easily practice their faith. Unfortunately for them, James was busy playing Protestants and Catholics off one another, so he didn't really care. And our friend Guy wasn't even the mastermind of the plot, he just got caught with twenty barrels of gunpowder and some firewood and coal. Poor sod. What with torture and all, the King's men managed to round up eight plotters and tried and executed them for high treason, back when plotting against the government got you into serious trouble.

With all this English political stuff from four hundred years ago, you might ask why are we celebrating Guy Fawkes Night? I'm pretty sure that Fr. John Dwyer told me some Episcopal churches in New England would have outdoor parties on November 5<sup>th</sup>. And lots of Episcopalians are Anglophiles. And plenty of them are also pyromaniacs. So, I say, hey, what a great excuse for a party, eh?

Another question you may have, well, if you're a 10:30 service attender, is why don't we hear the organ anymore? The easy answer is that the company that manages our tuning has had a serious staffing shortage (organ techs are rare as hens' teeth these days) and hasn't been able to do any tuning for quite some time and doesn't plan to tune anywhere until after Thanksgiving! In addition to tuning, they also do organ building, re-building, and emergency repair so their dance card is always quite full.

The more complicated answer is that many organs can go quite a long time without a complete tuning because the pipes are ideally housed in a separate space where temperature and humidity can be controlled and kept relatively stable. But our organ is free-standing and that exposes it to all the airflow and drafts and hot radiators in our large sanctuary space and the extremes that come with our Minnesota climate. Additionally, since moving the organ into our sanctuary, we have discovered some of its own personal quirks. For example, there are several notes that stick in humid conditions and some couplers that facilitate rather more than they're supposed to. And our little organ is a bit like the princess and the pea - I can warm up between services and decide that all is well. And then you all come into church and have the audacity to breathe and exude warmth and humidity. And by the time we get the service rolling, our little princess has found her pea and begun to stick. It's a little frustrating.

The good news is that they'll be tuning just in the nick of time before our Lessons and Carols on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Whew! And once the weather settles into cold and dry, the organ will be fairly stable for several months. Beyond that, she'll just continue to be a rather cantankerous little princess. Thank goodness for the piano!

See you at the bonfire!  
Karla

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**The Rev.  
Christopher A. Haack**

**Deacon**

Dear Friends,

I am so excited to be beginning my journey renewed as your Deacon. It always catches me by surprise that in the spring of 2008 I left St. Christopher's for St. Nicholas to begin my internship in preparation for the Vocational Diaconate. Since then I have carried each and every one of you in my heart to each of my assignments. At St. Nicholas, you were a source of foundation as I started truly being formed as a Deacon. At Holy Apostles, your sense of love and welcome helped me bridge differences in culture and background. And Finally at Holy Trinity, your openness to new experiences and expressions of Christ's love in the world helped me to love even deeper than I could ever imagine. And with each deployment, I have gained new lessons and stories which I am looking forward to sharing with you.

Peace and blessings to you as we journey together; guided by our savior and example Jesus Christ, directed by our ever-present and ever-loving Lord, and empowered by the Holy Spirit who is ever present existing, and working in each of us.

Your Deacon,  
Christopher Allyn Haack

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## **Footprints August 2022** **News from Children's Ministries**



**Marion Hunner**

**Director of  
Children's Ministries**

Things are rockin' with the families of St.Christopher's!

**Hayride** – We were so pleased to be back at Bunker Park Stables on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. After 2 years away, we were blessed with an absolutely beautiful fall day! 46 folks enjoyed a ride through the woods followed by a potluck supper around the bonfire.



**Sunday School:** We meet weekly (except the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month) with our wonderful teachers, Jean Darnell and Carol Duff. This fall we have been exploring several prophets using both our Godly Play and Story and Stretch (yoga) curricula.

**Family Worship:** We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month in person, where Fr. Randy leads us in interactive storytelling and engages the children in celebrating the Eucharist with him. Last month we celebrated St. Francis with a blessing of the animals. This month we meet at Roselawn Cemetery to celebrate All Saints Day! We meet at 4pm, and all are welcome to join us. We appreciate families of all ages, shapes, and sizes.

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## Remember, Remember, the 5th of November! Guy Fawkes Celebration Nov.5th

"Remember, remember the **5th of November!** Gunpowder, treason and plot." Guy Fawkes Day approaches! Join us for Walking Tacos, warm apple cider, a bonfire and maybe even some sparklers and a few fireworks. Wear a warm coat and join us Saturday, **Nov. 5th, 5 pm** in the parking lot.

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## Church Library - Back in Action!

The Church Library is now back in full-service operation, after some necessary curtailment during the COVID epidemic. Fr. Randy has asked John Lawyer to assume the duties of Church Librarian, starting this month, as Allison Jensen has moved on from that role --- thank you, Allison, for all your hard work!

The Church Library serves four main functions. First the obvious one: it is a place to borrow books. The collection is divided into short sections which are clearly marked by appropriate shelf labels (Bible Study, Music & the Arts, Retirement and Aging, Biography, etc.) Come in and find what you are

interested in or just browse the collection. New arrivals or other books of special interest are displayed around the library on small stands. Check-out procedures are easy, just follow the steps posted on the cabinet door to the right as you go in.

Secondly, the library is used for one-on-one spiritual direction by a several certified spiritual directors, under the general oversight of Mike Sirany. The schedule is posted in the Sunday bulletin and is also on the bulletin board outside and across from the Church Office. When a meeting is in session the door will be closed and a small sign posted. Given the personal nature of spiritual direction please respect the process and don't knock or otherwise seek entry.

Thirdly, the room serves as a welcoming place for scheduled or informal meetings of committees, small groups, or other gatherings. It also provides a place for you to simply come in and sit as an individual, relax, pray, meditate, journal, or just get away from it all for a moment of peace and quiet.

Lastly, the room serves as our collective memory. It contains photos of past Bishops of Minnesota as well as the Rt. Rev. Craig Loya, our present Bishop; past Parish Directories, Vestry minutes, parish-compiled cookbooks, and similar memorabilia, such as the photo journal of the 2018 youth mission, "A Trip to Indian Country."

In addition to the library proper, there is a small bookcase full of jigsaw puzzles, to be used on an informal "take one, leave one" basis, and the Cap Hanson Little Free Library on the small table just outside the door, which operates in the same way.

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## Pulse of the Parish

This brief report is to keep you, our faith family, informed about the work and actions taken by the Vestry on October 17.

**Finance:** Overall our finances are still looking good at 75% of the year, with budgeted expenses at 65% for the year and the income at 78% of the year. We approved directing the majority of the late Mary Hebert's estate gift to the Pooled Investment Fund account. We also approved a Mission Opportunity Grant to enable our volunteers to engage our new Afghan refugee family in faith family social opportunities with the parish and in our greater community.

**Faith Family Well Being:** Speaking of our Afghan family, we will be introducing them to our parish at our Stewardship Sunday brunch October 30th after the 10:30 service.

**Garden Team:** More than 725 pounds has been given to feed others through Keystone to date.

**Green Team:** Their recycling instructional video is done and will be made available through our electronic communications and our website.

**Stewardship:** Participation results look good so far, with two more weeks of

presentations and stewardship Sunday October 30th. In November, we plan to call faith family members who haven't responded yet and to send personal thank yous to those who have pledged.

**Unfinished Business:** Thanks to Tom Linder, the data from the September "Identifying Our Gifts, Talents, and Passions" surveys is in Excel spreadsheets. Our Vestry team liaisons will share Tom's instructions and Excel data to faith family team leaders for them to utilize.

**Adult Forum:** In the coming months, our Vestry team liaisons will be asked to work with their team leaders to showcase their respective teams to the parish in the forum.

As for making and serving coffee after services, we signed up to perform these duties in the coming weeks. In the heartfelt spirit of Ebie Richards, we're looking for a champion to take on the recruitment of coffee servers.

**Rector's Report:** October 23 will be crucifer training and Lay Eucharistic Visitor training. The diocesan convention is October 27-29 in Rochester MN. We have a formal resolution to value reproductive rights, access to healthcare, and bodily autonomy for everyone, crafted by our own Chris Bowman, attorney, and Vice Chancellor of the diocese, at the convention. In addition, we hope to learn who the new deacon will be after the convention.

**Warden's report:** The parish annual meeting is Sunday, January 22, 2023. Team leaders are encouraged to send their team reports to Ruth Thillen for inclusion in the annual report by January 17th at the latest.

**Shoutouts:** Tom Linder for his help with the parish survey, Millie Woodbury for catching an incorrect financial figure in the stewardship mailing, and Becky Lucas for her leadership with the Afghan refugee endeavor.

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 November 21st. Thank you for all you do for our faith family!

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## CALENDAR for NOVEMBER

**1 Tuesday** - ChristoGram Deadline

**8:30 AM** Private Spiritual Direction—Gathering Room – to 5 PM

**9 AM** Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 10 AM

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

**7 PM** Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band— Parish Hall, Outdoors

**2 Wednesday**

**12:15 PM Holy Eucharist**—Church

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

**6 PM** Bell Choir—Balcony

**6:30 PM** Wednesday AA—Gathering Room

**7:15 PM** Parish Choir—Music Room

**3 Thursday**

**3:45 PM** Cello Lessons—#218/219— to 7:15 PM

**4 Friday**

**9 AM** Woods & Water Men's Retreat—Parish Hall/Chapel—to 3 PM

**4 PM** Cello Lessons—#218/219—to 7:30 PM

**5 Saturday**

**9 AM** Flute Lessons—Music Room

**5 PM** Guy Fawkes Party – North Parking Lot

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS-FALL BACK!**

**6 Sunday—Pentecost 22/All Saints' Sunday**

**8 AM** Holy Eucharist

**9:15 AM** Adult Forum – Parish Hall

**9:30 AM** Coffee Hour

**10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist

**11:30 AM** Coffee Hour

**4 PM – Family Worship** – Roselawn Cemetery Chapel

**7 Monday**

**9 AM** Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 10 AM

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

Parish Hall Set Up for Voting tomorrow

**8 Tuesday – General Election Day**

**7 AM – 8 PM** Voting – Parish Hall

**10 AM** SG Peer Support Group – Gathering Room

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

**7 PM** Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band –Outdoors

**9 Wednesday**

**9 AM** Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 10 AM

**12:15** Holy Eucharist

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

**6 PM** Bell Choir—Balcony

**6:30 PM** Wednesday AA—Gathering Room

**7:15 PM** Parish Choir—Music Room

**10 Thursday**

**3:45 PM** Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

**11 Friday – Veteran's Day**

**11 AM** Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 12 PM

**4 PM** Cello Lessons—#218/219—to 7:30 PM

**12 Saturday**

**9 AM** Flute Lessons – Music Room

**12 PM** Flute Student Recital - Sanctuary

**13 Sunday – Pentecost 23 – Guest Rev. Canon Blair Pogue**

**8 AM** Holy Eucharist

**9 AM** Fellowship



**9:15 AM** Adult Ed – Parish Hall

**9:30 AM** Sunday School

**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist**

**11:30 AM** Fellowship

#### **14 Monday**

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

**5:30 PM** Finance Team – Parish Hall

#### **15 Tuesday**

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

**10 AM** Tuesday OA-218

**11:30 AM** *Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 12:30 PM*

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

**1 PM** *Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 2 PM*

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

#### **16 Wednesday**

**10:45 AM** *Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 12 PM*

**12:15 Holy Eucharist**

**1 PM** *Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 2:15 PM*

**6 PM** Bell Choir - Church

**6:30 PM** *Wednesday AA-Gathering Room*

**7:15 PM** Parish Choir – Music Room

#### **17 Thursday**

**10:30 AM** Hearts and Hands – Parish Hall

**3:45 PM** Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

#### **18 Friday**

**4 PM** Cello Lessons—#218/219—to 7:30 PM

#### **19 Saturday**

**9 AM** Flute Lessons – Music Room

**9:30 AM** *Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 10:30 AM*

#### **20 Sunday – Last Pentecost – Christ the King**

**8 AM Holy Eucharist**

**9 AM** Fellowship

**9:30 AM** Sunday School

**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist**

**11:30 AM** Fellowship

#### **21 Monday**

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

**6:45 PM** Vestry – Parish Hall

#### **22 Tuesday**

**10 AM** Tuesday OA-218

**10 AM** *Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 11 AM*

**11:30 AM** Meals on Wheels - Offsite

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

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

**23 Wednesday****12:15 Holy Eucharist – THANKSGIVING WORSHIP***4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM***6 PM** Bell Choir - Church**6:30 PM** *Wednesday AA-Gathering Room***7:15 PM** Parish Choir – Music Room**24 Thursday – THANKSGIVING DAY**

Office Closed

**25 Friday**

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**26 Saturday****9 AM** *Flute Lessons – Music Room***27 Sunday – ADVENT 1****8 AM Holy Eucharist****9 AM** Fellowship**9:15 AM** Adult Ed – Parish Hall**9:30 AM** Sunday School**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist****11:30 AM** Fellowship**28 Monday****e-Traveler Deadline****3 PM** Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM**29 Tuesday****10 AM** *Tuesday OA-218***1 PM** Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:30 PM**7 PM** *Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Parish Hall, Outdoors***30 Wednesday****12:15 Holy Eucharist****4 PM** Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM**6 PM** Bell Choir - Church**6:30 PM** *Wednesday AA-Gathering Room***7:15 PM** Parish Choir – Music Room

**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.

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## Last Words



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

Autumn's weather has been really fickle - looks like early winter is upon us, and then back to warm again!! That's OK- now it's "Over the river and through the woods..." to Thanksgiving and Advent!

(And you know what follows Advent! But, that's for next month.)

**REMEMBER! "FALL BACK"!**

Turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 5th!

Ruth Thillen  
Parish Administrator

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**Our Schedule:**

*Recorded Sermons for each Sunday are on our website.*

**Sundays Through Memorial Day:**

**8 AM Holy Eucharist**

9 AM Fellowship

9:15 AM Adult Ed – Parish Hall

9:30 AM Sunday School (except 1st Sundays)

**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist**

11:30 AM Fellowship

**Wednesday: 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist** in the Sanctuary

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