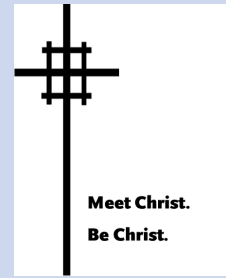


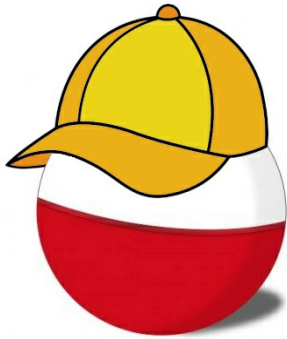
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From the Rector



**The Rev.
Randy W. Johnson**

Rector

We've Got Spirit! *by Fr. Randy+*

It is a gorgeous late September Friday night in beautiful downtown White Bear Lake. We are driving in the “*family truckster*,” filled to its nine-person capacity, towards the beacon-like glow of the White Bear Lake High School football stadium. The sky-high floodlights were bathing the field with a swath of bright white light as hundreds of people were maneuvering through bumper-to-bumper traffic near the school. There was an intense energy being emitted by students and families—*both outside of our car and inside!*

The most intense energy was being off-loaded by our young granddaughter Vivian. We can actually feel the electricity in the air! She is a first-grader and has a special energy and vibrancy this night. She is dressed in her best “*cheer gear*” including her school color black and orange bow in her hair and matching pom poms. Tonight she is cheering for the team with the senior football cheer squad members! Down on the sideline, she is doing her best cartwheels and yelling passionate exhortations and vigorously shaking her pom poms. She has purpose, and drive, and focus, in the core of her being. *She is ALL in!*

With pigtails bouncing and flailing arm movements Vivian is doing her best to coordinate the cheers with her closest 50 junior cheerleaders. It is quite a sight to behold. How could this enthusiasm NOT be directly transmitted to the football players on the field and all of us in this gathered community?

**“We’ve got Spirit, yes we do!
We’ve got Spirit, how ‘bout you?”**



How 'bout you? As the cheerleaders point towards the opposing side of the field at the end of the cheer, they wait for the visiting team crowd to repeat back the same challenge cheer with enthusiasm. The cheer is a challenge, as well as an affirmation that we are all fully engaged and participating in the joy of the moment, the thrill of the contest, and the sharing of this life-giving experience together—*right here and right now!*

It makes me think about transmitting this same enthusiasm and joy and spirit to our shared lives together at St. Christopher's. Do you, like me, sense the Holy Spirit at work through the people of St. Christopher's today?

***"We've got Spirit, yes we do!
We've got Spirit, how 'bout you!"***

I have sensed and witnessed the Holy Spirit at work among us at St. Christopher's. Just think about the many ways we are being challenged and led to *"Meet Christ, Be Christ"* in our community and beyond;

- The start of children's and families programming, as well as adult formation classes
- The re-starting of choir and sacred offerings at the 10:30 worship services
- Special Music programs and seasonal celebration services
- The opening of our nursery once again to young families during worship service
- The exciting "test drive" of a new organ during Sunday worship
- The ongoing support of our Afghan family as they transition to life in Minnesota
- The sharing of fresh garden produce with Keystone feeding organization
- The work of our 75th St. Christopher's Anniversary Committee
- The State Fair Parking outreach volunteers
- The engagement of our children and youth in Sunday Worship at the altar
- Worship Readers, Crucifers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Guild members
- Wardens, Vestry and Finance Committee members
- Members of the Faithful Innovation Team in community engagement
- Buildings and Grounds Committee and Green Team members
- Hearts & Hands, Meals on Wheels, and Funeral Committee Teams
- And many, many other individuals and groups that do amazing work at St. Christopher'
- The re-engagement of shared activities, events, and relationship building opportunities

And, where does this love-filled work generate from? It comes from the working of the **Holy Spirit**.

*“But the Advocate, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.”(John 14:26)*

*“When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the **Holy Spirit**.” (John 20:22)*

*“When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the **Holy Spirit** and spoke the word of God with boldness.” (Acts 4:31)*

*“And the disciples were filled with joy and with the **Holy Spirit**.” (Acts 13:52)*

The **Spirit** is moving and working in exciting and engaging ways at St. Christopher’s! Grab your pomp oms, do a cartwheel, and rejoice in the power of the **Holy Spirit**!

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the **Holy Spirit**.” (Romans 15:13)*

**“We’ve got Spirit, yes we do!
We’ve got Spirit, how ‘bout you?”**

Randy+

Footprints OCTOBER 2023 **News from Children's Ministries**



Marion Hunner

**Director of
Children's Ministries**

The program year has begun, and we are on our way!

Sunday School takes place from 9:30-10:15 each Sunday. We use two different curricula: Godly Play is Montessori based, and it uses manipulatives to tell our stories; Story and Stretch incorporates yoga moves into our stories. We also add in some service projects. In October we will be making dog biscuits as we learn about St. Francis.

Hayride Saturday, October 14th

The annual hayride and potluck bonfire is on Saturday, October 14. Registration and payment are due **Sunday, October 1st**, as we need that to secure the correct number of wagons. Online registration is available [here](#), or you can sign up with Marion on Sunday at coffee hour.

Hearts and Hands News

On September 21st, Hearts and Hands completed 248 bags with 2 cookies each for the *Community Kitchen* to distribute with meals to the homeless.



Vestry Shorts

The Vestry was joined on Sept 18th by Karla and the Organ Committee who gave a recap of our current pipe organ and its maintenance problems followed by a discussion on various organs and their pros and cons for our sanctuary. Stay tuned for more organ news!

Our finances are looking good, a new budget for 2024 is being worked on by the Finance Committee.

Stewardship starts in October.

There are lots of upcoming events to get involved with in the coming weeks:
-On October 7th St. Christophers will be working at Open Arms. Email Pat Ahern at patrick.ahern@securian.com if you are interested in helping this wonderful organization <https://www.openarmsmn.org/>

- October 14th is our Annual Hayride at Bunker Stables at 4pm followed by a firepit and potluck

- In early December, there will be a talent table (bake sale and craft item sale)

- Also in December are plans for an Event Fair, which should make for a fun 2024!

Green Team Update

The Green Team, at the direction of Joel Norton, has created a video highlighting the solar array and the Giving Garden. It provides background information as well as some nice footage of the solar panels from above using a drone camera. We plan to have a link to the video on the St. Christopher's website soon.

We are approaching the end of the harvest season of the Giving Garden, and to date we have produced over **640 pounds** for local food shelves. The harvested vegetables included potatoes, tomatoes, green beans, carrots, peas, kale, squash, beets, cucumbers, onions, garlic, peppers, zucchini, and radishes. As you can see, we have grown quite a variety of vegetables. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another successful garden season.

The Green Team

OCTOBER Calendar

1 Sunday- Pentecost 18

8 AM Holy Eucharist

9 AM Fellowship

9:15 AM Adult Forum – Chapel

9:30 AM Sunday School – Room 107

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Fellowship

3 PM Karla and Friends Music Event

2 Monday

3:30 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:30 PM

3 Tuesday

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

10:30 AM Meals on Wheels – Offsite

4 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:15 PM

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

4 Wednesday

10:45 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

12:15 PM 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 Parish Choir – Music Room

5 Thursday

3:30 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 7:15 PM

6 Friday

2:45 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:345 PM

7 Saturday

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

8 Sunday - Pentecost 19

8 AM Holy Eucharist

9 AM Fellowship

9:15 AM Adult Forum – Chapel

9:30 AM Sunday School – Room 107

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Fellowship

11:45 AM ISAIAH Listening Session – Parish Hall

1 PM GSVLOC – Parish Hall to 5 PM

9 Monday

9 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

3:30 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:30 PM

5:30 PM Finance Team – Parish Hall

10 Tuesday

8:30 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

10 AM SG Peer Group – Gathering Room – to Noon

4 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:15 PM

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

11 Wednesday

9:30 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

12:15 PM Holy Eucharist

1 PM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

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

12 Thursday

3:30 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 7:15 PM

13 Friday

2:45 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:345 PM

14 Saturday

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

9 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Gathering Room

10 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

4 PM Hayride – Offsite

15 Sunday - Pentecost 20

8 AM Holy Eucharist

9 AM Fellowship

9:15 AM Adult Forum – Chapel

9:30 AM Sunday School – Room 107

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Fellowship

1 PM GSVLOC – Parish Hall to 5 PM

16 Monday

3:30 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:30 PM

6:45 PM Vestry – Parish Hall

17 Tuesday

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

10 AM Tuesday O.A. - #219

10:15 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

4 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:15 PM

7 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Outdoors, Parish Hall
7 PM Meditation Group - #218/Chapel – to 8:30 PM

18 Wednesday

10 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

12:15 PM 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

19 Thursday

10:30 AM Hearts and Hands – Parish Hall

(No cello; MEA)

20 Friday

(No cello; MEA)

21 Saturday

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

10 AM LEV Training - Church

22 Sunday - Pentecost 21

8 AM Holy Eucharist

9 AM Fellowship

9:15 AM Adult Forum – Chapel

9:30 AM Sunday School – Room 107

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Fellowship

23 Monday

10 AM (?) 75th Committee – Gathering Room

3:30 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:30 PM

4 PM Joseph Knox Baptism - Church

24 Tuesday

10:30 AM Meals on Wheels – Offsite

4 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:15 PM

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

25 Wednesday

9 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

12:15 PM 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

26 Thursday

3:30 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 7:15 PM

27 Friday

2:45 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:345 PM

28 Saturday

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

9 AM Private Spiritual Direction - Library

29 Sunday – Pledge Sunday - Pentecost 22

8 AM Holy Eucharist

9 AM Fellowship

9:15 AM Adult Forum – Chapel

9:30 AM Sunday School – Room 107

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Fellowship

30 Monday

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3:30 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:30 PM

31 Tuesday – Happy Halloween!

4 PM Cello Lessons #218/219 to 6:15 PM

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

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. Days with no activity scheduled have been left off this calendar.



Last Words

I hope you have enjoyed the October e-Traveler!

Ruth Thillen
Parish Administrator

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Rev. Randy W. Johnson, Rector

Our Schedule:

Recorded Sermons for each Sunday are on our website.

Sundays through May 2024:

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist

9:30 AM Fellowship

9:15-10:15 AM Adult Forum

9:30-10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:30 AM Fellowship

Wednesday: 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

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