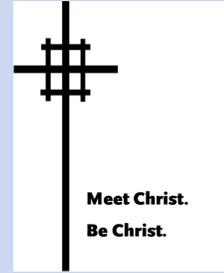


St. Christopher's

## e-Traveler



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### From the Rector



**The Rev.  
Randy W. Johnson**

**Rector**

### **Tune Up** *by Fr. Randy+*

When I was a teenaged kid, I really enjoyed playing sports with my friends--be it hockey or football or cross country running. It was fun to do it in an unorganized sense—you know, “*the old days*” when you just met up at the local outdoor rink or ballfield, or sandy, sand-burr-filled empty lot down the next block. We needed no matching uniforms or strictly sanctioned and adult-coached programs. We just had fun—playing with old friends and making new ones. The simple life. *Wondrous...*

Then, somewhere along the way—*things got complicated...*

Our innocent and goofy playing around became more organized, more structured, more complicated.

I played school sports in Columbia Heights—the smallest school in our sports conference in the mid-1970’s (*yes...I am that old!*) I remember our Friday night football games, where our much larger rival schools would unload 4 buses of players—to face our meager group of 45 kids. *Kind of intimidating...*

Mr. Keller, our beloved coach, would tell me; “*Johnson—Get with the program! Do you need a Tune Up?*” Mr. Keller was not talking about replacing spark plugs in our car—he meant that it was time to focus on what was before us—

not what we feared or had anxiety about. He meant we are to focus on the here and now—not the hardships of the past. We were to consider the new possibilities and move forward with confidence—even though we did not know exactly what the future would hold for us.

I believe we are in a similar situation right now in our personal and corporate faith life at St. Christopher's. We have weathered the storm of COVID—from unknown enemy to that of being a force we have learned to mitigate. We are moving from a place of knee-jerk reaction, to the place of a more learned and intentional and thoughtful response.

*Just Imagine...*

It is time to move forward with strength and joy and a sense of wonder in the workings of the Holy Spirit! It is a time to explore our own God-given gifts, talents, and interests—exploring what is possible and set directly before us as followers of Jesus.

In **The Message** by Eugene Peterson, he states:

*“The resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It’s adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike ‘What’s next, Papa?’ God’s Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know we are going to get what’s coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we’re certainly going to go through the good times with him!” (Romans 8)*

As we begin our program year this fall, I challenge each one of us to more fully explore just what the Spirit is leading us to explore and engage as followers of Jesus. St. Christopher's is poised to provide support and opportunity to explore our faith in new ways—a time of refreshment and renewal. Please take time to “sharpen your saw,” to try new things that may be outside of your usual comfort zone. Work with mentors, read your Bible or join book studies or join adult forum gatherings between worship services. Be a loving neighbor by joining the team assisting our sponsored Afghan family navigate the many challenges before new friends entering our community. *Get Tuned Up!*

*Learn, grow, love. Now is the time!* May God bless you on your exciting journey.

*Randy+*

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## Music Notes



**Karla Cole**

**Director of Music  
Ministries**

Say what you will about Garrison Keillor, I used to love *A Prairie Home Companion* – the Ketchup Advisory Board skits, the churchy humor, the musical guests, the monologues, the rhubarb pie – heavens! it was tasty and expeditious. I was usually fixing

dinner on a Saturday night to the strains of Peter Ostroushko's mandolin or the congregational singalong. It was a weekly date and I even enjoyed hearing the shows I had heard before. I especially loved the singalongs. There's nothing like a big group of people singing together – the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

I hope you've enjoyed singing in church this summer. I certainly have enjoyed hearing you. The Labor Day weekend will be a special opportunity to enjoy that *Prairie Home Companion* effect in full bloom. **Skunk Hollow** -- a local group that performs "old timey music" – will be subbing for me on **September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Tom McNellis, who you all will recognize as the tenor section leader in St. Christopher's choir, sings and plays his banjo. While his friend, Summer Bates sings and plays a guitar. They will sing for you and get you singing as well. You can hear them again at the Waite Park Fall Festival on September 10th at 5:30 (1810 34th Ave NE Mpls) and on social media: @skunkhollowband.

After the holiday, you can join up to sing in the choir, play in the handbell choir, or pick up a recorder and tootle. There are many opportunities to express yourself musically, take on a new challenge and fight off any deterioration of your faculties by learning new skills! Interested? See me at coffee hour or drop me an email. You'll be glad you did!

Karla

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## Footprints August 2022

### News from Children's Ministries



**Marion Hunner**

**Director of  
Children's Ministries**

**Start Up Sunday is on September 11<sup>th</sup>**. This will be our last 9:30 worship service followed by root beer floats! Registration for both Sunday School and the Hayride will be available as well.

Our program year will begin after Start Up Sunday

- **Sunday School** will meet weekly at **9:30 am** beginning on Sunday, **September 18**, EXCEPT the first Sunday of the Month
- **Family Worship** will meet on the first Sunday of each month at **4 pm**, beginning on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**.



### **Flashback to VBS: Food Drive**

We collected 135 items that went to Keystone's food shelf. On Monday of VBS, the kids set a goal of 100 items, so we were thrilled to beat it!



### **Our School Supply Collection was very successful!**

Thank you to all who contributed! The Roseville School District was pleased as punched when everything was dropped off last week.



### **Hayride Saturday, October 22nd**

Mark your calendar for the annual Hayride and Potluck Bonfire – all are welcome! We meet at Bunker Stables at 4pm, enjoy a hayride around the grounds, and gather at the firepit for a potluck supper. Online registration is available [here](#).

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## **It's BA-A-A-CK! Adult Formation Returns Starting 9/18 at 9:15 A.M.**

This fall we will be reading and discussing the recent book, "The Church Cracked Open," by Stephanie Spellers. We will meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays, beginning on September 18 at 9:15 in the Parish Hall, and finish by 10:15. We will also make time for more discussion after the late service if you are so inclined

Dwight Zscheile, colleague and professor at Luther Seminary, offers a review of this book:

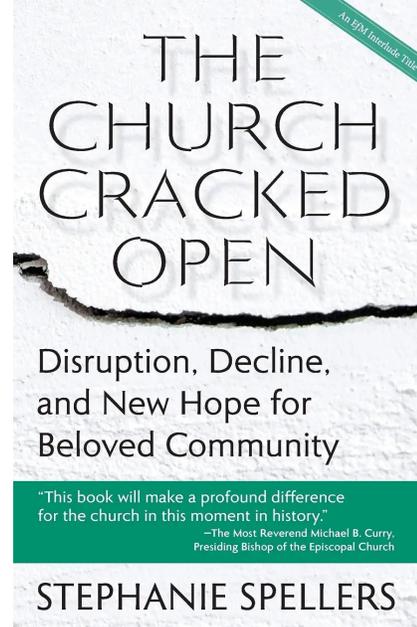
“In a moment when structures and patterns in the church’s life are being deeply disrupted, this book is a loving, passionate invitation to repent, reimagine, and renew. Stephanie Spellers not only names hard truths but also and even more importantly offers hope and promise in Jesus’s way of love.”

Please email [Marilyn+](#) to be part of this, and so we can order enough books. (Books are available on Amazon and on Kindle as well.) You may also sign up on Start Up Sunday, September 11.

Our planned dates are as follows:

Date	Reading Assignment
Sept. 18	Introduction, Chapter 1
Oct. 2	Chapters 2 & 3
Oct. 16	Chapter 4
Oct. 30	Chapter 5
Nov. 6	Chapter 6
Nov. 13	Chapter 7
Nov. 27	Chapter 8, Conclusion

Please contact Marilyn+ if you have questions. We can include a Zoom link if there is a need.



## What *Would* Jesus Drink?

There are a lot of choices to be made at St. Paul Brewing - beer brewed with English malt and hops, hard cider, kombucha, root beer, iced coffee, wood fired pizzas, salads and snacks. As they say, "come for the history, stay for the beer." St. Paul Brewing is in the old Hamm's Brewery, 688 Minnehaha E in St. Paul. **September 18th, 3-5pm.** Join Skittles on the patio!

## Attitude of Gratitude



On August 18, our Hearts and Hands team put together fun bags for the K-4th grade members of our faith family and grab and go bags for the folks served at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in Minneapolis. Interested in joining our Hearts and Hands Team? Please contact Sally Brown at 651-483-8232, or [sallywbrown5177@gmail.com](mailto:sallywbrown5177@gmail.com). (Below - the finished bags at delivery!)



## “Local guy makes good!”

Here's our former Youth Director, Chad O'Leary, winning runner-up to Supreme Baker in the baking division this year at the Minnesota State Fair! 13 ribbons!

We're all proud of him. Chad has also been on the State Fair Greenhouse crew planting the gardens and tending to the beds around the Bazaar and the Veterans Garden.

## 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 August 15th.

**Finance:** Thanks to many of our faith family members fulfilling their annual pledge offering for the whole year or on a monthly basis, our offerings are ahead of what is budgeted. We thank everyone for their financial support regardless of the timing of their giving. The much-needed removal of trees and stumps cost more than we had budgeted, so facilities expenses are up a bit for the year. The Finance Team is working on the 2023 budget.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Thanks to Don Shiek finding a tree removal service, several potentially dangerous dead trees have been cut down and stumps will be ground out. In addition, likely due to Covid19 delay, the new kitchen

garbage disposal is in transit and will be here in early September for installation.

**Children's Ministries:** The *On A Roll With God Food Truck Party* Vacation Bible School was a great success, with 14 kids participating. Please put October 22nd on your calendars to participate in our annual hayride, fun times for the kids and the kids at heart.

**Faith Family Welfare:** With Hearts and Hands, put together special bags for our K-4th graders.

**Hearts and Hands:** In addition to doing that, they put together grab bags for folks at the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge.

**Garden Team:** 30 pounds delivered to Keystone recently as our giving garden continues to grow.

**Green Team:** We might be participating in a virtual expo showcasing our solar panels October 1-2. More details forthcoming.

**Kitchen/Special gatherings:** Thanks to Ann Depaolis-Jones' leadership and those other Vestry members who were here for putting on the July 31 St. Christopher's Parish Picnic.

**Unfinished Business:** Regarding a means for making it easier for moving the altar for special events, Buildings and Grounds team explored a variety of products for attaching to the altar pedestals but found them impractical, unpredictable and unaesthetic in accomplishing the task. It was felt that we don't need to move the altar that much during the year and that it was best to have a few faith family members lift it when needed.

**New Business:** Start Up Sunday is September 11th. In an effort to keep it simple this year, rather than have the various team leaders stand at tables to promote their programs, we will ask you, our faith family members, to complete a survey to Identify Our Gifts, Skills and Passions while enjoying root beer floats and popcorn. We thought it might be good to have the team leaders promote their respective programs at a few of the fall adult forums, which we hope to restart in earnest this fall.

**Rector's Report:** Our staff recently did an annual calendar plan which included adult forums as mentioned, Fr. Randy and Rev. Marilyn leading study and discussion about the book *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community*. In addition, we discussed the idea of us creating a parish photo directory with photos provided by faith family members, rather than hiring a professional photographer, and including snail mail and email addresses and phone numbers.

**Shoutouts:** A big shout out to all of our faith family members who helped with Vacation Bible School set up and tear down, and who helped with decorations and put on programs. A big thanks to six faith family members who helped with Don Horton's celebration of life on August 13, especially Darlene Cross and Karen Hanna for the treats served at the post funeral reception.

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 September 19th. Thank you for all you do for our faith family!

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## CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER

### **1 Thursday**

STATE FAIR PARKING

### **2 Friday**

STATE FAIR PARKING

### **3 Saturday**

STATE FAIR PARKING

### **4 Sunday – Pentecost 13**

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

1 PM STATE FAIR PARKING BEGINS

### **5 Monday – Labor Day**

*Office Closed*

STATE FAIR PARKING

### **6 Tuesday**

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

10 AM Tuesday OA-218

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

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

### **7 Wednesday**

#### **12:15 Holy Eucharist**

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

6:30 PM Wednesday AA-Gathering Room

7:15 PM Parish Choir – Music Room

### **8 Thursday**

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

### **9 Friday**

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

### **10 Saturday**

9:30 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

### **11 Sunday – START UP SUNDAY! – Pentecost 14**

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Popcorn and Root Beer Floats

### **12 Monday**

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

5:30 PM Finance Team – Parish Hall

**13 Tuesday**

10 AM Tuesday OA-218

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

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

**14 Wednesday**

9 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

12:15 Holy Eucharist

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

6:30 PM Wednesday AA-Gathering Room

7:15 PM Parish Choir – Music Room

**15 Thursday**

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

**16 Friday**

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

**17 Saturday**

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Rom

9 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

**18 Sunday – Pentecost 15**

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

3 PM What Would Jesus Drink?-at St. Paul Brewing

**19 Monday**

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

6:45 PM Vestry – Parish Hall

**20 Tuesday**

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

10 AM Tuesday OA-218

11:30 Meals on Wheels - Offsite

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

7 PM Meditation Group - #218/Chapel

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

**21 Wednesday**

10 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

12:15 Holy Eucharist

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

6 PM Bell Choir - Church

6:30 PM Wednesday AA-Gathering Room

7:15 PM Parish Choir – Music Room

**22 Thursday**

10 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

**23 Friday – AUTUMN BEGINS**

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

**24 Saturday**

9 AM Flute Lessons – Music Room

**25 Sunday – Pentecost 16**

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

**26 Monday**

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3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

**27 Tuesday**

10 AM Tuesday OA-218

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

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

**28 Wednesday**

12:15 Holy Eucharist

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

6 PM Bell Choir - Church

6:30 PM Wednesday AA-Gathering Room

7:15 PM Parish Choir – Music Room

**29 Thursday**

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

**30 Friday**

3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219

**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 September **e-Traveler!**

This month, we conclude State Fair Parking on Labor Day, and then we jump right in to all the fall activities! The choir begins rehearsals on September 7th; Start Up Sunday is on the 11th, and back to two services on the 18th! That means I'll be busier, too, with two bulletins to produce.(So

much for "Summer Slacking!")

Ruth Thillen  
Parish Administrator

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## St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

### **VESTRY:**

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Ruth Thillen, Parish Administrator  
Marion Hunner, Children's Ministries Director  
Karla S. Cole, Director of Music Ministries  
Rev. Marilyn Baldwin, Assisting Priest  
Rev. Randy W. Johnson, Rector

### **Our CHANGING Schedule:**

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

**Sunday: 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist** in the Sanctuary **LAST ONE 9/11!**  
10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

### **Sundays Beginning September 18:**

**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

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

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