The Crier

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St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

Sabbath time...

Whew! The last several months have been a time of wonderful accomplishments here at St. Nick's. And now comes a time of rest and restoration.

Jesus recognized the need for Sabbath time. There's a difference between going away by oneself and having some Sabbath time in community. Depending on where you find yourself, either one can be helpful. For the disciples, it was a time of going away together. For some, it might be time alone that is needed in order to calm your soul.

However the method, I do hope for you in August that you are finding that Sabbath time. Read. Rest. Throw some unneeded items away. Be restored. God wants us to be ready to serve, full of life and love. And there is a busy fall coming up at St. Nick's!

Can't wait to hear about your August Sabbath time.

Blessings,
Rev. Lindsay Freeman+

Did you know? August ranks the highest time for visitors thinking about finding a new church. Keep your eyes open. And continue that wonderful friendly welcome that St. Nick's does so well.

Service Times

Latino Service
Saturday 5:30 pm

English Service
Sunday 9:00 am

Adult Discussion
Sunday 10:20 am

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Karen Bessler **Ann Bottlene**
Vicky Condon **Gretchen Eichhorn**
Tom McConnell **Pat Dorsey Nanoff**
Sue Newman

Vestry Clerk **Gretchen Eichhorn**
Treasurer **Rich Makela**

Springs of Shalom Chapter of Daughters of the King (SOSDOK)

Meets at 10 a.m. on the 1st Monday of each month (except when it's a holiday, then meeting moves to the 2nd Monday)

NEXT MEETING
Monday, August 6
at 10:00

Join us!

The Extravaganza is coming & we need a leader

The position of "Extravaganza Coordinator" is open. After 13 years, including six of them on chemo, I've decided to step down and offer the opportunity to coordinate the Extravaganza to someone new.

I accepted the position in 2005 and had to learn on the go. I now have a small notebook containing all the programs for the past 13 years as well as a few comments on what I've learned along the way. I'm willing to share the book and act as a resource if requested.

It's been a wonderful experience. I've seen so much talent and willingness to participate. It sometimes felt as though the Extravaganza ran itself with only some minor direction from me to confirm the acts. Please seriously consider this opportunity. Talk to Matthew if you are interested.

A change in the Blue Moon Fall Program

Busy lives and medical issues have necessitated a change in the Fall Gathering hosted by Blue Moon for the past 13 years. There will still be a Fall Program, but it will be a scaled-back version of The Tea. There will be music, dessert and beverages, but no sandwiches. We're calling it "The First Annual Blue Moon Farewell Tour." Please mark the date: Sunday, October 14, 2018, 3:00 p.m. in the Fireplace Room.

A lifesaver! That's our senior warden, Craig Kettleson

Since the '70s, Craig has faithfully donated blood and was recognized by the Red Cross for donating over 19 gallons recently. Craig also walks the halls of St. Nick's every night to make sure the building is secure, and always makes sure the candles are shining brightly. Thank you, Craig, for being the light in the darkness to those far and near, those in good health and those who need that precious gift of life.

In your prayers you are asked to remember…

Jill Aicher
Rose Ekegren
Jacob Fraser
Len Freeman
Maggie Ingalls
Mary Jo Andrews
Tom & Katie LaFrance
Mike & Helen Mudgett
Cummings' friend, Deb Carlson
Mary Patterson's friend, Jo Morrill
Bob Aicher's nephew, Howie Schumacher
Vicky Condon's daughter, Joley Blesenser; son, Michael Condon & nephew, Chris Powers
Sunny Slocum's friend, Howard Kramer
Betty Miller's mother, Mary Shaffer
Keira Stevens' sister-in-law, Erin Stevens
Mary Patterson's family member, Hannah Willson
Maxine Parsons' granddaughter, Nikki
Immigrant children who have been separated from parents
The St. Nicholas Search Committee and the priest who is meant to come to us
Respect for the dignity of every human life
The men & women of our armed forces

In God's hands...and ours!

We have several beautiful handmade wooden crosses to give to parishioners when they are in the hospital or need special prayers. We'd like to have more, and the person who made these is unable to make more at the present time.

These are known as "clutch crosses" and can be easily slipped into one's hands when one is under stress -- or any time, for that matter! Are you handy with a bandsaw or other appropriate tools? Would you be able to make St. Nick's more crosses? Let Rev Lindsay or Sue Newman know!

Directory Update

Mary Gleason
7088 11th St No
Oakdale, MN 55188
612-272-7245

Watch for news about this year's auction

Our volunteer resources are seriously depleted for the auction this year so we have had to think "out of the box". We're still working on the details but some fun, new ideas are being considered. Watch for more information in the next couple of weeks.

Special request from Episcopal Group Homes

Jeremy Wendt, Executive Director of Episcopal Group Homes, is in search of a home, condo, townhouse, or apartment that Episcopal Group Homes could rent for two fantastic people. Traditional outlets of for-rent properties have not yielded results, because these two would like to avoid large apartment complexes. If anyone in the Twin Cities Episcopal community has or knows of a property in the Plymouth/Wayzata/Minnetonka area that might be suitable for two wonderful people, please contact Jeremy at 952-475-1621 or jeremy@eghmn.org.

News from

Three years ago, when Presiding Bishop Michael Curry was elected, he began proclaiming that we were the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. For many in our Church, this brought a welcomed focus on Jesus. As importantly, describing our Church as a part of a movement has brought a welcome dynamic of vibrancy.

A short time ago, our Presiding Bishop boldly proclaimed to millions of people around the world who were witnessing the royal wedding that the greatest power is love. For many in our Church and across the globe, this was another welcomed message - that above all else, love is what's most important. And for those of us who have chosen to follow in the Way of Jesus, love is at the heart of how we live and move and have our being.

This last week at General Convention, the Presiding Bishop invited the Episcopal Church to engage in the Jesus movement through the Way of Love, combining these two proclamations into one. The Way of Love describes how we can integrate practices that help us live a Jesus-Centered Life.

TURN
Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus.

LEARN
Reflect on Scripture each day, especially on Jesus' life and teachings.

PRAY
Dwell intentionally with God each day.

WORSHIP
Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and dwell with God.

BLESS
Share faith and unselfishly give and serve.

GO
Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus.

REST
Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration.

The Episcopal Church has created tons of resources to help us learn, engage in, and explore the way of love. **Learn more and explore all the resources here**.

Blessings,

Brian+

******This version is a guide. For the "official calendar" see the calendar pad located in the church office.******

St. Nicholas, Christian Holidays

Aug 2018 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 VEAP School 9am - Holy	30	31 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - AA	1 9:30am - G.B.	2	3	4 4pm - VEAP 5:30pm - Spanl
5 9am - Holy	6 10am - SOSDO	7 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - AA	8 9:30am - G.B. 6:30pm - NWG	9	10 9:30am - NWG	11 5:30pm - Spanl
12 9am - Holy	13	14 9:30am - NWG 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - AA	15 Assumption of Crier deadline 9:30am - G.B.	16 6:30pm - NWG 7pm - Vestry	17	18 5:30pm - Spanl
19 9am - Holy	20	21 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - AA	22 9:30am - G.B.	23	24	25 5:30pm - Spanl
26 9am - Holy	27	28 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - AA	29 9:30am - G.B.	30	31	1 5:30pm - Spanl

Vestry Minutes

June 21, 2018

Present: Lindsay Freeman, Craig Kettleson, Betty Miller, Gretchen Eichhorn, Ann Bottolene, Tom McConnell, Sue Newman and Karen Bessler.. .

Neptali Rodriguez, Kathy Cummings, Sharon Mills and Barb McConnell were also present.

Neptali opened our meeting with a prayer.

For her devotion Karen read

The Vestry read the Secretary's Report. Ann made a motion to approve the Report, Tom seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

"Debie is working on a PowerPoint presentation of life at St. Nicholas."

Rich presented the Treasurer's Report. The Fund-Raising Income is now up to date as far as the plant sale is concerned. We have paid Gertens for the flowers. As far as operating expenses are concerned, the utilities expenses were higher than budgeted because of the long winter. The rector expense was below budget as the predicted expense covered a new rector.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Rich explained that the Vanguard Star Fund actually is comprised of the Endowment Fund. Betty made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Ann seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

We next turned to New Business. The Search Committee provided us with an update. Sharon reported that they are half way through the process as outlined by the Episcopal Church in Minnesota (ECMN). They began the process in September, 2017, with much confusion at the start. Two of the original members of the Committee resigned. Lindsay worked hard to introduce the Committee to the resources available from ECMN. The Committee thanked the Vestry for its support of the Committee's work.

Debie is working on a power point presentation of photographs of life at Saint Nicholas. This will eventually be sent to the Bishop and Karen Olson for review. They will post it to the national bulletin board.

Dick reviewed documents under the heading of Office of Transitional Ministry. He told us that the cut-off date for candidates to apply for our position will probably be changed from November 1 to mid-September.

Ann suggested that we refer consistently to ourselves either as Saint Nicholas or Saint Nick's.

Rich described three things we need to convey in our presentation concerning candidates for our priest:

1. What to know about Saint Nicholas
2. We seek a Rector who is …
3. Our aspirations as a parish.

The next Search Committee meeting is scheduled for August 8. They are reading through the ECMN transition tools about interviewing priests. Sharon told us this document will be sent to Karen Olson for pre-approval. Gretchen made a motion to approve both documents with minor changes, Ann seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Tom reported that the air conditioner in Matthew and Neptali's office is broken and needs to be replaced. He told us about the various types of units and said that he would do more research on them. Betty made a motion to approve the expenditure of $500 from the Capital Fund to replace the broken air conditioner unit, Gretchen seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Sharon told us the Communications Work Group has a hefty agenda. It has an extensive range of responsibilities. We do need to write down the procedures. She focused on the website for this meeting. They have received two proposals from website designers, Highpoint Concepts and Wolf and Fox Designs. Both include an on-site two-hour training session. She said both include site-specific development, the provision of immediate information, a photo gallery, and a usable events calendar. We are also looking at the ability to switch back and forth from English to Spanish. The data on our current website will be archived. The web design will require four to five weeks to get up and running. The Committee decided to hire Highland Concepts.

"...Communications Work Group has a hefty agenda."

We then took our break. We used the time to view the power-point presentation on the computer in the office.

Betty made a motion to put the resolution to use money from the Endowment Returns Fund for the Spanish Program Reserve officially on hold, Ann seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Betty then made a motion to transfer $17,000 from the Operating Reserve to the Spanish Program Reserve, Gretchen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Gretchen and Craig will be the delegates to the ECMN Convention in September.

Craig, as Senior Warden, signed the agreement to hire Highland Concepts to design our website.

Craig then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

VEAP Block Party

Sunday, August 5 - 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
9600 Aldrich Avenue South, Bloomington

Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People

Meeting Basic Needs.
Building Stronger Communities.

Join us at our third annual VEAP Block Party! Every summer, we clear out our parking lot for an afternoon of live music, food trucks, ice cream, craft beer, and tons of fun games and activities for all. Our free-to-attend block party is part of our mission to strengthen our local community—we invite VEAP clients, donors, volunteers, staff, local businesses and all of our neighbors to bask in the summer sun and have a good time together.

Vendors and Entertainment

Live Music: Yam Haus
Brewer: Wooden Hill Brewing Company
Food Trucks: Bark and the Bite, WholeSum Kitchen

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