The Crier

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St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

Service Times

Latino Service
Saturday 5:30 pm

English Service
Sunday 9:00 am

Adult Discussion
Sunday 10:20 am

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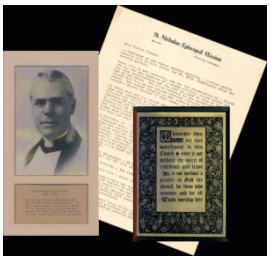
A little bit of our history

History of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church: In August 1950, fourteen men and women met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Walt Kanne (7021 Knox Ave. So., Richfield) their minds firmly made up about one thing: there was to be an Episcopal Church in Richfield. This meeting was followed by a much larger one in the lunch room of the Lincoln Hills School. Two representatives of the Episcopal Diocese were present: the Rev. Vernon Johnson, then Archdeacon of Ruralwork, and the Rev. Douglas Henderson, the Diocesan Director of Religious Education and later the Headmaster of Breck School.



As a result of this meeting, a mission Parish held its first service in Lincoln Hills School on January 7, 1951, enthusiasm unchilled by the 19 degree below day. Instead of an anticipated 25, more than 80 of the faithful arrived. There the growing congregation continued to meet through its period of self-establishment.

The original church building was built in the 1948 by Woodlake Lutheran Church as their parish and included the sanctuary on the main level and the fellowship hall and kitchen on the lower level.

While meeting at Linden Hills School, St. Nicholas acquired property on Oliver Avenue South between 75th & 76th streets. When Woodlake Lutheran outgrew their facility, an exchange was made in 1953 for our property on Oliver and their buildings & property at 7227 Penn Avenue South, our current location. A two level education wing was added in the 1958. In 1994, a one-level addition was built including the gathering space, nursery and offices.

St. Nicholas got its name because of the many, many children that came with the families that started St. Nicholas. Three of those "kids" are still members—Barb McConnell, Craig Kettleson and Kathy Cummings. In the 50s & 60s, the place was buzzing with the sounds of children. Finding enough space for Sunday School became a challenge with classes meeting in the furnace room in the education wing and in the rectory that was located on the "north 40". As these children grew, we had large and active junior & senior EYC (Episcopal Young Churchmen) groups for junior high and senior high aged young people. In the middle 60s, the senior EYC group offered a coffeehouse-type event once a month for teens that was open to the community and included music, games and refreshments.

And now the sounds of children are back on Saturday evenings at our Spanish language service.

Ministers **All Parish Members**
Transition Priest
The Rev. Lindsay Freeman
Deacon **Matthew Johnson**
Senior Warden **Craig Kettleson**
Junior Warden **Betty Miller**
Director of Music **John Wall**
Crier Editor **Kathy Cummings**

Vestry Members

Karen Bessler **Ann Bottlene**
Vicky Condon **Tom McConnell**
Pat Dorsey Nanoff

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, June 4
at 10:00

Join us!

The Rev. Micheal Pipkin to talk about Latino Ministry

On Sunday, June 10th, we will welcome the Rev. Michael Pipkin as our celebrant and preacher. Michael is the Episcopal Church in Minnesota's Missioner for Missional Management, and is working with St. Nick's to advance the work of Latino ministry here in Richfield. Following the service, we'll have coffee with Michael in the Gathering Space and he will tell us more about his work at ECMN and how St. Nick's plays an important role in multi-cultural ministry for the wider church. Make sure not to miss this important discussion!

We need some help

St. Nick's, through a solid connection with Daughters of the King, would like to apply for a grant from the Church Periodical Club to obtain new books and educational resources (in Spanish and English) for our newly renovated Children's Room. We have a good chance of getting this grant and can go up to approximately $900. Here's what we need: someone to research what materials would be appropriate (through Amazon, Forward Movement, Church Publishing websites and perhaps the Cathedral bookstore, etc), make a list, follow up with Mary Gustafson, and write the simple grant application. See details:

http://churchperiodical.com/miles-of-pennies.html

For more information, see Rev. Lindsay.

Bishop Michael Curry's homily at Royal Wedding

If you missed the seeing Bishops Curry's homily at Harry & Meghan's wedding, here is a link to it from the Espicopal News Service:

www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2018/05/19/video-text-presiding-bishops-royal-wedding-sermon/#.WwBzGmXuIgw.facebook

This is a picture of Lindsay and Len with Bishop Curry. (This was not taken at the wedding. ☺)

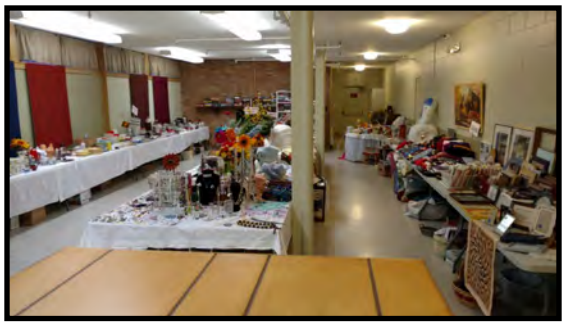
In your prayers you are asked to remember…

Jill Aicher
Rose Ekegren
Jacob Fraser
Ken Cummings
Tom & Katie LaFrance
Mike & Helen Mudgett
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
Keira Stevens' sister-in-law, Erin Stevens
Mary Patterson's family member, Hannah Willson
Barb & Tom McConnell's daughter, Karen Tremmel
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

May was a busy month

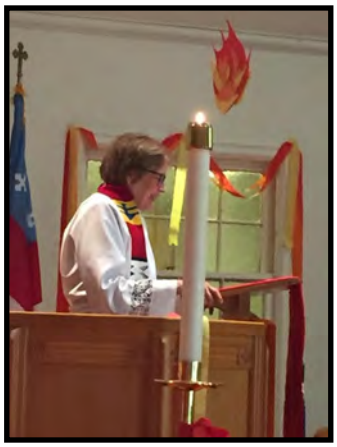
Plant Sale

Recycle Sale



First Communion

Pentecost Celebration



News from

Episcopal Church in Minnesota

"If humanity ever harnesses the energy of fire again, if humanity ever captures the energy of love, it will be the second time in history that we have discovered fire." *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

As millions from around the globe gathered to witness a royal couple proclaim their love for each other, the preacher at their wedding proclaimed to the world,

"There's power in love.

There's power in love to help and heal when nothing else can.

There's power in love to lift up and liberate when nothing else will.

There's power in love to show us the way to live."

While many of those watching the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, both in person and online, were stunned at the preacher's unabashed call to the power of love, those of us who know our Presiding Bishop were not surprised by the power, strength and topic of his sermon. Michael Curry embodies the love of Jesus. In moments of great celebration, as well as in times of great challenge, over countless years, I have never seen him waiver in his belief in God's unconditional love for all.

The royal wedding was spectacular! It made me proud of our religious heritage. Some may want to bifurcate the charismatic preacher and the Gospel choir from the traditional Anglican liturgy. However, the truth is that all of it, and so much more, is deep in the DNA of who we are as Episcopalians. And along with it is our foundational belief that we proclaim in our Baptismal Covenant, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself.

My friends, there is power in love. As Presiding Bishop Curry proclaimed, "We were made by a power of love. And our lives were meant and are meant to be lived in that love. That's why we are here. Ultimately, the source of love is God. The source of all of our lives."

May we all be inspired by our Presiding Bishop to live and share in that love with our neighbors, and in doing so, be a part of creating the Beloved Community.

Blessings,

+Brian

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

St. Nicholas, Christian Holidays

Jun 2018 (Central Time)

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

Vestry Minutes

April 19, 2018

Present: Lindsay Freeman, Neptali Rodriguez, Craig Kettleson, Betty Miller, Gretchen Eichhorn, Karen Bessler, Ann Bottolene, Tom McConnell and Pat Nanoff.

Absent: Matthew Johnson.

Lindsay opened the meeting with two prayers.

Pat provided the devotion from Kitchen Table Wisdom written by Rachel Naomi Ramen, M.D.

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

"Betty gave us report on the progress of the Search Committee."

Craig brought up the need to replace Vicky Condon on the Vestry after her resignation. He suggested Gretchen become a voting member of the Vestry. Betty made a motion to do this, Tom seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Rich Makela was unable to attend this month's meeting so he asked Craig to present the Treasurer's Report. A discussion ensued about the transfer of $9,000 to the Spanish Program Reserve. Rich as yet had not done this. Betty told us that the Vestry's vote authorizing this did override the Endowment Committee's approval of the transfer. Ann added two points. First of all, we need to discuss the matter with Rich. Secondly, we need to determine who has the authority to make these transfers, in other words, who is the second signatory for such matters. Ann made a motion that we have two known signatories for such transactions, Pat seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Neptali related his experiences with Santo Ninos, and Lindsay suggested that we talk to Dick Kohout about the signatory situation.

We then turned to Old Business. Betty gave us a report on the progress of the Search Committee. They have outlined four sets of required skills and attributes. Spirituality is extremely important. The candidate must also possess financial abilities, as well as being able to collaborate with the Saturday congregation. Lastly, providing pastoral care is vital. The Committee will next focus on our parish's vision and needs. The Vestry will need to approve this document before it is sent to Karen Olson.

Pat updated us on the application for the Lily grant. It was such a cumbersome process that time to submit it simply ran out. Lindsay thanked Pat for her work on applying for grants. Pat reported that she is turning her attention to applying for a grant to purchase children's books in both Spanish and English.

Ann reported on the Endowment Committee. Each member has fiduciary responsibilities to oversee the money in the Fund. In her opinion the Vanguard Funds are quite reputable.

Next on the agenda were the Work Group updates. Betty presented the report on Communications from Sharon Mills. Rich is making changes on the current website. Kelly Shuster from the Episcopal Church in Minnesota (ECM) is available to help with.

Betty next reported on the Pastoral Care Work Group. The members have contacted all of the congregants on the list and will keep in touch with them on a regular basis.

Pat suggested another Work Group could be concerned with "branding." This would involve designing and printing business cards and stationery, as well as providing our priests, wardens, Vestry and other functionaries with their own e-mail addresses. Neptali passed around his business card as an example.

Tom gave his report on the Usable Spaces Work Group, which has made great progress. Lindsay thanked both Barb and Tom McConnell for all of their work preparing the office for both Neptali and Matthew. She also thanked Betty for her work on pastoral care.

Karen updated us on the Hospitality Group. She found a notebook in the office which provided details about every funeral reception for the last 50 years. She is going to create a reference book as well as an inventory of the kitchen. She will resurrect a group to visit and provide meals to shut-ins. She will also write a reference book covering the coffee hour.

We do need a master list of all the groups using our building and their contact people.

We next reviewed the Bishop's visit to our church. We all agreed that this was a great chance for the Saturday and Sunday congregations to intermingle.

Karen reported on the Spring Flower Sale. There were not as many orders this year, but the total dollar value is about the same as last year. As far as the Recycle Sale is concerned, we paid a $20 fee to be included in Richfield's garage sale list.

During Lindsay's time she reviewed Palm Sunday and the Passion Play. She thought it went very well with the entire congregation participating. Easter attendance was down this year. She thought Matthew did an excellent job providing Easter brunch. Then she excused herself from the meeting.

Betty took over at this point. We discussed increasing Lindsay's salary to three quarters time. Pat made a motion to do this effective immediately, Ann seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

We went on to discuss an increase in Neptali's salary. Pat made a motion to ask Lindsay to obtain more information from the Finance Committee and the ECM and report back to us, Ann seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Craig then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

"Lindsay thanked [the McConnell's] for all of their work preparing the office for...Neptali and Matthew ."

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