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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Greetings,

Hard to believe we're back into the fall season! Where has the summer gone? I love the fall—the State Fair, the cooler weather, the back-to-school feel in the air and more. And one particular thing I love about September is that my favorite angel, Michael, is celebrated on our church calendar on September 28.

Like his colleague Gideon, Michael is an archangel, one of God's messengers. There's not many of them… in fact there's only four mentioned in the Bible. (There are lots of cherubs and seraphim mentioned, just not many archangels.) And Michael is also a warrior. The Book of Revelation talks about him fighting an intense heavenly battle, and throwing Satan out of heaven.

I'll often invoke Michael's help when I'm flying, or people I love are flying. I pray that Michael spread out his big wings under the plane and keep everyone safe.

I have a favorite saint as well—several in fact. I've got a rather crazy relationship with St. Anthony, who helps me find lost things—keys, glasses, even items on my computer. "St Anthony, St. Anthony, turn around," I say, "something's lost and must be found."

Nine times out of ten, the object shows up in a few minutes. Anthony has clearly made the transition from desert father in the 4th century to contemporary saint in the 21st.

Who are your favorite saints, favorite angels? If you don't have one, you might think about developing some relationships in the heavenly realm. And if you have favorites, good for you. Keep up the good work.

Blessings,
Rev. Lindsay+

Search Committee Update

As you may know, the Search Committee met twice a month for 10 months to finish the first two phases of the search process. The HolyCow survey completed last fall, helped us as a congregation determine who and where we were as a church family, and where we want to go. The remainder of the time was spent developing the Ministry Portfolio and the Parish Profile for the Rector Search. The Vestry and many others contributed to this task by their questions and comments. We worked very hard to accurately present ourselves and what we are looking for in our next Rector. After these documents were reviewed and approved by the Vestry on June

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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 **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, September 10 at 10:00

Join us!

In your prayers you are asked to remember…

Twice-Prayed : thoughts on worship and music
John Wall, music director

"The times are a-changing" and we know not where we will be in the Fall of 2019 .

At noon on Tuesday September 4 the members of the St. Nicholas Choir are meeting to help understand what God may plan for us. If you have an interest in this discernment regarding a choir, even if you are not in the choir, please join us. We are going to bring our own bag lunch. Ice tea and lemonade will be provided and some may bring something on the side to share.

Over the summer, I, with a voice teacher friend, have be preparing a small group of grade-schoolers to sing our National anthem at India Day at the state capitol on August 18th. Lindsay suggested I share a

photo of the kids. The connection is through Charlotte Grantier's piano studio. St. Nicholas has been a place for these children to learn to sing in the summertime just as children from St. Nicholas and St Patrick's did with me in the summer of 1970. Somehow this is a sign of God's Grace given us St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas 2018 Auction

We have some new and exciting changes to our auction for this year. Following the lead of many nonprofits, we will be using online auction sites to sell most of our items. This will occur mostly during the month of October and we will finish with a celebration dinner on November 3rd which will include a few of the items being offered at a silent or live auction.

We still need your new or like new items but we will them delivered with the donation sheet no later than September 23rd. So please start looking through your treasures for items or new items you wish to donate that you can contribute to this great fundraiser for St. Nicholas. And mark your calendars for a fun celebration on November 3rd.

Jill Aicher
Rose Ekegren
Jacob Fraser
Maggie Ingalls
Mary Jo Andrews
Steve Slocum
Tom & Katie LaFrance
Mike & Helen Mudgett
Bob Aicher's nephew, Howie Schumacher
Vicky Condon's brother, Douglas Hagerty
Mike & Helen Mudgett's granddaughters, Cheyanne Flaherty & Marian Flaherty
Mary Patterson's granddaughter-in-law, Hannah Maxine Parsons' son Lance & granddaughter, Nikki
Sharon Mills' sisters-in-law, Marilyn & Donna
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

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22, it seemed appropriate to take a long enough pause to allow Search Committee members to switch gears before starting the application and interviewing phase of our SEARCH. We resumed with restored vigor and energy on August 7. The Ministry Portfolio, the Parish Profile and the 2017 Annual Report was sent to Bishop Prior and to Karen Olson, Missioner for Ministry in mid-August. Debie Tsuchiya developed a power point photo presentation to put faces to who St. Nicholas is today, which is accessible to potential candidates either through diocesan technology, or our own newly updated website.

A few weeks ago, July 22 to be exact, Lindsay's sermon, titled Rest and the Christian Life, really spoke volumes about the wisdom of our decision to adjourn for a time. She reminded us that "even God set apart holy time, time in which he did nothing." And Jesus, after hearing the shocking, sad news that their friend John the Baptist was dead, told the disciples to "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."

But what really stuck with me since July 22, is a quote she included by author Wayne Muller about the monastic practices of moving from one activity to another with pauses in between. "When we pause between activities or moments in our day," he says, "we open ourselves to the possibility of discovering a new kind of presence, to the "in-between times.. . .It is the acknowledgement that in the space of transition and threshold is a sacred dimension, a holy pause full of possibility.. .

This place between is a place of stillness, where we let go of what came before and prepare ourselves to enter fully into what comes next."

The weeks ahead are a time of waiting with anticipation. For many months, we have prayed every week, in church and in our private prayers, for the priest that God is sending to us, and those prayers will continue. In August, Bishop Prior and Karen Olson received and reviewed the documents that we submitted, and the information will be posted right after Labor Day. We have stated that we will receive applications until September 28. Names of candidate can be solicited from numerous sources, including, The Search Committee/ Transition Team, the Vestry, members or friends of the congregation, self-nominated, names generated from Transition Ministry Office, all Diocesan Transition Officers throughout the Episcopal Church, postings on the St. Nicholas Website, and ECMN's website. Candidates submit applications and supporting materials to the Bishop's office. The Missioner for Ministry and Bishop verify availability of candidates and make calls to their fellow bishops and Transition Ministry Officers to determine if there are any red flags or other information that due diligence provides. The Bishop submits 2-3 candidate names to the Search Committee. Meanwhile, the Search Committee is organizing itself for the interviewing and selection process. Once the names are obtained from the Office of the Bishop, the Search Committee narrows down the candidate pool through various means. The Search Committee determines the final candidates and shares those names with the Bishop's office. Following another round of interviews with the final candidates, most likely face to face, and arranging for each finalist to meet with the Bishop, the Search Committee discerns the person to recommend to the Vestry for the call.

Because of the need for confidentiality, the Search Committee can only share in a general way how the interviewing and selection process is proceeding. So, for many of you, it will be a pause, an in-between time. We on the Search Committee ask for your prayers that we may move through this process with wisdom, discernment, kindness, trust, and confidence that God is leading the way. We pray for ears to hear, voices to speak, and hearts that listen to that still, small voice within. The Search Committee's prayer for each of you is that in your waiting, you open yourselves to the possibility of discovering a new kind of presence, acknowledging that this space of transition is really a sacred dimension, a holy pause full of possibility.

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See important Auction information on page 2

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
BLUE MOON 1ST ANNUAL FAREWELL TOUR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 3:00 PM

Adult Education at St. Nick's, Fall 2018
10.20 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.

September:
Reconnect, Reconvene, Share our Stories!

Sunday, September 9
Join us for coffee in the Gathering Space! Share your summer stories.

Sunday, September 16
What's your favorite Bible story? Hear a story from Rev. Lindsay's hot off-the-press new children's book, The Spy at Jacob's Ladder. Book signing.

Sunday, September 23
ECMN Missioner for Ministry Karen Olson will update us on the rector search, answer questions, and tell us what we might expect as a new rector comes on board.

Sunday, September 30
Find out what happened at this year's annual Episcopal Church in Minnesota gathering! St. Nick's delegates Craig Kettleson and Gretchen Eichhorn will update us on the events and their experiences at the ECMN annual convention.

October — November
For the next eight weeks, we'll explore the creative voice of the Spirit through dreams, poetry, art and music

Sunday, October 7
Holy Dream Work — Where might the voice of the Holy Spirit be present in your dreams? Find out how best to listen, how best to perceive what God might be saying… and how best to remember them! Led by Betty Miller
Sunday, October 14
Dreams in Scripture are a powerful tool. Using Holy Dream work principles, find new ways of how God might be speaking to us through Scripture. Led by Betty Miller

Sunday, October 21
Poetry is an avenue where sending and receiving can come together. Explore how we might let our hearts and minds flow out in words and then step back to see what God has to say to us. Led by Len Freeman.

Sunday, October 28
Dive into scriptural study using the French pontoum poem form. Led by Betty Miller.

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

St. Nicholas, Christian Holidays

Sep 2018 (Central Time - Chicago)

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

July 19, 2018

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

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

Neptali opened our meeting with a prayer.

For her devotion Karen read several short pieces to comfort us in these perilous times.

Lindsay passed around two clutch crosses so we could all pray over them. They will be given to two of our parishioners who are hospitalized, Dick Kohout and Maggie Ingalls.

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

Craig presented the Treasurer's Report in Rich Makela's absence. Rich reported to him that our financial situation is all right. Betty noted that at our June Vestry meeting we voted to transfer $17,000 from the Operating Reserve Fund to the Spanish Program Reserve. The current report did not show this transfer. Ann made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. However, no one seconded the motion, so the motion died.

Neptali thanked us for our ongoing support of the Saturday congregation. The attendance continues to be strong. He and the members of the Saturday service especially appreciate the translation of The Crier into Spanish. Neptali reminded us that this is a very scary time for undocumented immigrants. This affects the number of people who pledge money to our church. Many believe that their contributions are between them and God.

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Neptali brought up a continuing education conference in North Carolina that he attends every two years. He requested help from the church to defray his expenses.

Ann then expressed our concerns about the Nursery being unsupervised on Saturday nights. We need two people to be there. We discussed how to remedy this situation.

Sharon updated us on the Communications Work Group, whose responsibilities encompass The Crier, our website, email, branding and the parish directory. Kathy told us the email situation is unresolved as of now. She discussed the problems with the password. It would be easier to start from scratch. If it is available, our domain name will be Saint Nicholas Richfield. One feature of our database is that it can be used to print out a directory of our parish.

Lindsay expressed her appreciation of what a great job the Communications Work Group is doing. Sharon told us she will write up the procedure for accessing the directory. Kathy told us the calendar is part of The Crier. Betty made a motion to accept the Communications Work Group's recommendations regarding the directory and the calendar, Karen seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Kathy next brought up the Auction. Barb told us we will need lots of help this year. We then discussed the value of holding the Auction. Sue was very concerned about the wear and tear on all of the Auction volunteers.

Sharon explained that the Search Committee is on hiatus right now. They will meet again on August 7 and will send the relevant materials to the Episcopal Church in Minnesota (ECMN). The ECMN will post our opening after Labor Day, and we will close applications at the end of September.

Tom reported that the air conditioner controlling the Gathering Space was repaired Monday morning. The new unit in Matthew and Neptali's office was installed on Monday and Tuesday.

Karen told us that she wants to keep the annual Gertens plant sale going because of the great reduction in price we receive. Ann suggested we come up with ideas to publicize the sale to all of the groups that use our building.

Karen also brought up the need to recertify people for work in our kitchen.

We took a look at pastoral care bookmarks created by Barb Makela.

Lindsay thanked Tom and Craig for their work around the church this past week. She also expressed her appreciation and the Vestry's to Karen for organizing the delicious picnic we had before the meeting started tonight. Finally, she thanked Betty for all of her work.

We are moving forward on the financial audit.

Karen told us that now safe church training can be completed online by people who have already gone through the training in person.

Craig then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

"[Search Committee]...will meet...on August 7 and will send the relevant materials."

What the website says about Saturday service

We are a community of faith, where we preserve our Hispanic culture and Spanish language. Our goal is to deepen the relationship with God and strengthen the bonds between us, our families, and the Latino community. We extend our welcome to all with the hope that they will join us to participate in the construction of this community of the Lord here on earth.

We are a community of faith that we do NOT discriminate based on race, color, beliefs, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, place of residence, political affiliation. We are simply the Church that seeks that its members can have a personal encounter with God from their social condition without being judged and appointed.

This is the Parish of Saint Nicolas Episcopal Church. in Minnesota. Come let's build together a just Church and with equal conditions for all.

Holy Mass every Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Local Housing Colition

Volunteers Enlisted to
Assist People

Meeting Basic Needs.
Building Stronger Communities.

VEAP is an active participant in the Bloomington, Richfield, Edina and Suburban Hennepin Housing Coalitions, which are gatherings of community members, faith leaders, nonprofit organizations, schools, tenants and housing advocates to find ways to jointly act to address affordable housing needs. The groups' goals are to take steps to increase the availability of affordable homes for everyone and protect existing naturally occurring affordable housing options, while advocating for tenant rights and protections from displacement.

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