



The Caller

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Conservation of Faith, Outreach and Within Our Environment

During the month of March, I attended my clergy peer group meeting; and I discovered a new author who has confirmed in me many of the things that I believe are true for us as an institutional church. His name is Rev. Brian McLaren, who I think would be a very good read for many of us. He has written several books about the topics of ministering in a new awakening world, society and churches. His thoughts from a recent talk he gave to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C. during their annual convention was very moving and well worth the time to watch via the Internet at the following web address: http://www.episcopalcafe.com/daily/evangelism/brian_mclaren_the_episcopal_mo.php.



I also have been working with Vicki Lambert, our Youth Group, Emily Nelson from the Hope Coalition here in Red Wing, and World Vision to plan the 30 Hour Famine, to help raise money and awareness for the plight of the starving children in our world. The Famine was on April 24th and 25th and we had 30 young people along with several adults fasting from any food for 30 hours. During this experience that was a wonderful learning experience for all those who participated we found how God could use us – both those participating via the fasting, chaperoning, sleeping outside in the thunder storm, financial sponsoring or by prayers. People experienced interconnectedness with the many children who are hungry, homeless, tired or vulnerable. I was very proud to have been able to serve with these young people and their pastors.

In both of these I have experienced God helping me to know and work in our world as a partner with God. Conservation is not just about taking care of our earth, though that it's the main definition when you think about *Conservation*. Yet, I see conservation in these two examples as ways that I can be in partnership with God, my faith community and taking care of my environment. A person can do this by managing and maintaining our local congregations as we participate with one another in caring for our planet, our resources and communicating with one another in our churches. I see all these things as equal, if not the same, in caring for natural or supernatural resources being either recycling in nature or learning how to use a computer. Let me give you some examples. If I love my church/congregation and do want it to grow and flourish yet do nothing to expand my thoughts about how to be a better follower, have I done what I could do to be a good follower/leader? If I see trash along the sidewalk as I am walking in my community and don't pick it up and place it in a proper receptacle, have I done my part to keep the environment clean? Do I choose not to inform myself about the homeless, the naked, the imprisoned, the hungry, or those needing medical help because it would challenge my lifestyle or my understanding of others different than myself?

Conservation of our *Faith* in our congregations, our *Outreach* to those in need and car-
(*Conservation of Faith Continued on page 7*)

The Seven Truths of Financial Development & Stewardship

By Gwen Lynch- G.I.F.T. committee- formally Stewardship & Welcome

Raising revenue here at Christ Church

For any organization or business, you MUST always be one step ahead of the unforeseen future. Many of us who are in leadership roles and those looking closely at the revenues of Christ Church have started to look seriously at our finances. We have to come up with ideas, plans and prayers to move forward. So with this in mind, we now have a stewardship/welcome committee doing just that—getting old and new members connected, sharing ideas and not just relying on the pledge drive and our investments to get us by financially. We need your input and help as we go forward. We have split this committee into groups to work on many different ways to generate revenue. We will be looking at time and talent forms, disconnected membership, wills and bequests, fund raising big and within committees and bringing members together.

I was given a manual by Fr. Charles, which has a lot of great information on stewardship and church financial development. I took it upon myself to read it and to share it with you all. Here are the seven truths concerning financial development and stewardship development programs in churches around the country. Where do you see yourself in these areas here at Christ Church?

1. *The first place is to look for money is in the heart, not the wallet.* About 75% of the annual income comes from 12 to 15% of the

members for most average churches. This group also does most of the ministry of the church and has a good connection to God and will share it with those around them. The key to stimulating this primary group is to keep the stories alive. That means that the Gospel is being preached, taught, and lived and that peoples' lives are being changed.

2. *Most people find it hard to talk about God and money.* God and money are both wonderful and powerful. Most people are afraid of them and can't talk about them. Creating small areas like special times and Bible studies make talking about it more inviting. If the conversations never happen, then change in giving patterns will not happen.

3. *Though it stirs folks up, we still have to talk about tithing.* God has every right to require the tithe. Most people who submit themselves that discipline find it to be a rewarding and uplifting practice. The word "tithe" occurs 67 times in the scriptures. If someone wants to fight the tithe, they have to fight the Bible.

4. *We aren't saved because we give money to God.* Salvation is a gift from God's grace that comes through faith (itself a gift from God). We enter life in grace through our Baptisms and our claiming of Jesus as Savior and our submission to his Lordship. We grow in grace through steady participation in worship and ministry. Giving will not affect your salvation. Salvation will definitely affect your giving.

5. *Everyone is already doing the very best they can.* What is your spiritual health? Your giving rate is a pretty good indicator of your spiritual health. Whatever you give, do it with joy.

6. *Yes, we really do need to sign a pledge card.* At one level, a pledge card is merely an act of kindness to the vestry and treasurer since it enables them to plan a budget. But at a deeper level, people who pledge feel like they belong to the Church. At the deepest level, a pledge card is the only document that most of us sign every year saying that we claim Jesus as Savior and submit our lives to his Lordship.

7. *If you are not smiling when you sign your pledge card, you have filled in the wrong amount.* You have pledged too much or too little. Give a happy amount.

So this is where we need to start. To see how each one of us answers these seven truths. The Stewardship and Welcoming Committee are working very hard to look at other ways to build revenue here at Christ Church. We look forward to more dialog on these matters.

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M.O.M.'S Group Continues Safety Series

By Susie Uhlik, M.O.M.'s Coordinator

Part 2 of Gavin DeBecker's book *Protecting the Gift* was discussed on April 21st. Mothers took a closer look at questions to ask when choosing babysitters and daycare providers. Some of the questions to consider asking include: What is your discipline philosophy? Describe the best child you've cared for and the worst child. How would you handle an emergency situation? Ask the applicant to describe problems they've encountered and how they handled them.

DeBecker notes that it is possible to be comfortable with who you choose if you are comfortable with HOW you choose. Another issue examined was what to do when a child asks to sleep over at someone's house. Obviously knowing the family is clearly the best option when it comes to sleepovers, but if it is someone you don't know it is important to make contact with the friend's parents. Stop by their house and make observations of dogs, smoke detectors, and ask what their expectations are for a sleepover. Also ask if there is a gun in the house and if it is kept locked. You might also establish a rule that before your child can sleep there, the friend must first sleep over at our house. This will also be helpful in gathering information about the other child and his family. Finally, awareness and education of sexual predators was talked about. What children should know about their bodies and what children should know that no adult or child should do to them was discussed. Signs that sexual abuse has occurred was shared as well as what a sexual predator looks for in their victims. It was noted that **nearly 100% of the offenders are heterosexual men**. An unhappy child not getting comfort or support at home will look for it somewhere else. The predator will target someone he perceives as vulnerable. *A convicted child molestor once said, "Parents are partly to blame because they don't tell their children about sexual stuff. I used that to my advantage by teaching the child myself."* DeBecker goes on to say that it is true that *the damage from parents not protecting their children and/or blaming the child is often far greater than the damage of the sexual assault.*

Congratulations to Karina Werla and her new baby girl, Dempsey! A shower was held in her honor on April 21st as well! We also extend our prayers to Sheri Lidgerding who is expecting a baby in August.

Our next meeting is *Tuesday, May 19th*. Our guest speaker will be *Rachel Marshall*. She will be leading a discussion on *Children and First Aid*. Be sure to bring all your questions and concerns regarding children's health. **Mothers Offering Ministry** to other mothers

meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Please extend an invitation to a mother who needs the support and friendship.

If you have any further questions or suggestions for M.O.M.'s Group, please contact Susie Uhlik at 380-8495.

A Mother's Prayer to Forgive Her Parents

Exalted One,
Great are all the things you have done for me, God.
How wonderful your plan that I should be born into this world and feel the love of my parents.
I recognized their voices even before
I could gaze at them.
You designed it that they would be my mom and dad
and I would be their girl.
We are each other's soul mates, sojourners
of a grander faith pilgrimage.
Wed my soul to the deepest truth
within this beautifully complex relationship.
Remind me, God, that even though my parents may have failed me at times, You cannot fail me.
Show me, God, everything that hasn't been fully healed in this relationship.
Transform the wounds of my past into a legacy of healing handed down to my own children.
Deliver me from pain to healing, from brokenness to wholeness.
Let the victim in me refrain from feasting on their faults,
Instead let the adult in me dine at the banquet of forgiveness.
Replace my arrogant thoughts with humbled understanding of the innocence embedded in parents' hearts.
Help me feel genuine compassion for the crosses they bore, crosses of generational wounds.
Let bold compassion be strong enough to dismantle the crosses we still bear.
Forgive us, God, we know not what we do.
Let me see my parents as you see them, God.
May whatever is wrong about this relationship be made right.
I release you from my judgment, mom and dad.
I release you from my blame, mom and dad.
I release you from all I needed you to be and accept you for who you are.
I follow your commandment, God,
and honor their innocent parenting.
Please God, bless their path and bless them with unconditional love.
May only peace and compassion remain inside our hearts. Amen.

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Did You Know?

By Mary Kolderie

Athanasius of Alexandria is honored by the church on May 2. He was born in Alexandria, Egypt, about year 295 and was ordained a deacon in 319. Alexander, the Bishop of Alexandria, took Athanasius with him as his secretary and advisor to the first Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325. Athanasius opposed the beliefs of the Arians who denied the divinity of Christ. Athanasius was successful in winning approval at the council for the phrase in the Nicene Creed (concerning Jesus Christ) "of one Being with the Father."

He also wrote a lengthy creed called The Creed of Saint Athanasius found on pages 864-865 of the Book of Common Prayer.

When Bishop Alexander died in 328, Athanasius became the Bishop of Alexandria. He defended his stance on the Nicene Creed, i.e., the divinity of Christ, even though he was exiled for this belief five times. He was so popular with the people, that the emperor had to call him out of exile to a void an insurrection in Alexandria. Athanasius wrote numerous things, such as biblical interpretations, theological expositions, sermons, and letters. His treatise, "On the Incarnation of the Word of God" is still a widely read classic.

In 367, Athanasius listed the 27 books which we now have in the New Testament to be the only ones read in the church of his diocese. This list was not binding on other dioceses, but other bishops did follow his recommendations. By gradual consensus, these 27 books became the standard Canon of Scripture for the Orthodox Roman Catholic and Protestant churches. Final ratification occurred in the fifth century. For a book to be included in the New Testament, it had to meet all four of the following criteria:

1. **Ancient**—written near to the time of Jesus. Antiquity was valued in those days, novelty was not.
2. **Apostolic**—had to be written by an apostle or a companion of an apostle.
3. **Catholic**—had to have widespread usage among the various churches. Books that were used only by certain segments of the church were not included.
4. **Orthodox**—the most important criteria. If the proto-orthodox group, which was the major group of the church at that time, did not agree with the theology of the book, it was not included.

Athanasius died in 373. He is regarded as "the pillar of the church" and as a healer of the church's wounds.

The Sandt Fund

By Catherine Johnson

The Sandt Fund was established by a gift from Catherine Sandt through her will. She directed that the gift be invested and the income used to assist needy **members of the parish**. The vestry has established a committee to determine how the income is to be spent. Currently, the members of the committee are June Gustafson, Marm Nihart, Fr. Charles Uhlik and Catherine Johnson. Over the years, the committee has made grants for a variety of needs, including assistance with education. If you or a family member needs assistance, please remember that the Sandt Fund is available to help. The committee has developed a policy for awarding.

The amount awarded for assistance is always at the discretion of the committee.

United Thank Offering -Spring Ingathering

By Mary Christensen, UTO Chairperson

The United Thank Offering (UTO) ingathering will be held on Sunday, May 31, Pentecost Sunday, which is the traditional date for this event. A UTO envelope is included with this Caller. Thank you to all who contributed in 2008. I am happy to report a sum of \$576.48 was forwarded to Kay Stickney, our diocesan coordinator.

A message from Pamela Stewart, the convener of the UTO Communications Committee, reads as follows: We appreciate that these are difficult economic times for many, making it even more important to encourage everyone to give thanks for the blessings they do have. A daily prayer accompanied by a coin in the blue box is a simple act. Joined with the prayers and coins of many, it becomes a potentially life altering force throughout the world.

Blue boxes and other UTO materials are available outside the office. I encourage everyone to join the circle of thankful people and make a difference.



Graduates

Anyone graduating this spring, please contact the office. We will have graduation recognition on May 17 at the 10 a.m. service.

“Get My People GOING!!”—

By Mary Heckman, Parish Nurse

A Pyramid for Everyone

The children of Israel were blessed with manna and quail in the desert, and were glad to leave the land of pyramids and get to the land “of milk and honey.” Did you know that there are several food group pyramids to help you eat a more healthy balance of nutrients? These include the Vegetarian Diet, the Mediterranean Diet, the Asian Diet, the Latin American Diet, and the Mayo Clinic Healthy Weight Pyramid. All of these can be found on-line at www.mayoclinic.com. Just type “food pyramid” in the SEARCH box.

You can also find the revised food pyramid developed by the United States Department of Agriculture at www.mypyramid.gov. Both the Mayo Clinic and MyPyramid will let you enter your height, weight, age, and gender into a simple program and will give you recommended daily caloric input for weight maintenance or weight loss.

Don’t forget, all healthy diets require moderation in portion size, and exercise as part of a balanced life-style.

On May 17th we will be Walking with Moses to help you in your journey. Join us at Bay Point Park 3 p.m. to walk and share a healthy Potluck meal.

Blessings on the journey!



Recognition Sunday & Potluck Picnic

Sunday May 31st will be the last day of Sunday School. We will celebrate the end of the year at the largest shelter in Colville Park. Church service will be at 10 a.m. with a short program after the service.

We will then enjoy one of our favorite meals, a Potluck Picnic. Bring one of your favorite picnic foods. Hot dogs, hamburgers, beverage and eating utensils will be furnished.

We need all who plan to come to sign up on the sign-up sheet which is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Make sure you put down how many in your family are coming in order for us to know how many hot dogs and hamburgers to order.



Outreach

By Mary Heckman, Outreach Chair

FILL THE FOOT LOCKER Memorial Day: Military Sunday



Memorial Day is just around the corner to kick off summer but more importantly to honor our deceased veterans. Let’s honor our current veter-

ans and FILL THE FOOTLOCKER!!!! It’s empty, and our men and women are still fighting for our freedom. We have plenty of toys and hard candy so please do not bring those items. We like to send a variety of things:

Energy Drink mixes, Chewing Tobacco, Beef Jerky, Small paint brushes, Black socks, Foot powder, Eye drops, Twin sheets, Protein bars, Propel drink mix, Pain reliever, Cigars, Antibacterial wipes, Tuna (in foil packets), Greeting cards (to send home), Body wash, Toothpaste and brushes, Books, or Magazines.

We did a great job at Christmas on our Military Sunday...so let’s do it again for Memorial Day!

“Be generous and share your food with the poor. You will be blessed for it.” Prov 22:9

Books and Brunch

By Susie Uhlik, Books ‘N Brunch Coordinator

The next Books ‘N Brunch will meet on **May 30th**. We will discuss the book,

Imagine What America Could Be in the 21st Century, edited by Marianne Wil-

liamson. This book is comprised of over 40 leading visionaries,

activists, and spiritual thinkers, each of whom has written an essay on various subjects imagining a compelling vision for a better America. Imagine revamped hospitals, a transformed political system, and a country where there is enough time for both work and play... Join us on **May 30th** for good discussion and good food. This group is open to the public; both men and women are welcome.

Childcare and a light brunch are provided. We meet from 10-11am on the last Saturday of the month.

Please contact Susie Uhlik if you have any further questions or book suggestions. 388-4634



Christian Education

By Vicki Lambert, Christian Education Coordinator

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

What a fantastic year this has been! As we enter into our last month of Sunday school, we will be learning about the disciples of Jesus and what it means to become a disciple.



Children's church is at 10 am and will be celebrated in the chapel through the end of the school year in May. Any child - preschool through elementary age is welcome to join us.

We are still firming up the helping-get-children-to-church program. Drivers are available. We are still working with Kids Count to secure children.

Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009, 10 a.m.



Mark your calendars for the Sunday School picnic and celebration at Colvill Park! This event celebrates our children and the amazing volunteers who make it all happen. It also marks the conclusion of our Sunday School year.

Summer Events to note:

July 26 at 1pm

Sunday school summer swim at Colvill park.



August 17-20 5:30-8:30p This year's theme: Superheroes of the Bible



Youth News

YOUTH NEWS



4/24-25 6 a.m. Fri – 12 p.m. Sat
Community Wide 30 Hr Famine Event
in partnership with:
30 Youth – 30 Hours -
without food!



We served our community through a variety of service projects, we slept outside in hail, we raised over \$1000 to help the hungry! Special thanks to the parents who made the weekend possible!

During the month of April, four youth served the Passover Meal.



Over twenty people joined together to perform the Passion Play for our parish on Good Friday.

Next month activities include bowling and serving a meal on 5/27 at Ronald McDonald House in Rochester.



CONFIRMATION



Confirmation is going to be in Faribault at the cathedral on **May 9 at 11:00 am**. We have five young adults who are planning on becoming full members of the church and will have successfully completed our newly revamped two year program. NEW candidates seeking confirmation should talk with Father Charles. The next confirmation class is on May 6 at 7 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Bible studies are always open for new attendees.

Each Sunday we will provide quality programming in keeping with the various themes. No need to sign up in advance, just come and be enriched.

1st Sunday: FELLOWSHIP Visit with friends or help in Sunday school. Enjoy a hot breakfast and go to the blood pressure clinic.

2nd Sunday: Hot topic – Newly confirmed youth will be presenting information about their journeys through the confirmation process.

3rd Sunday: ENRICHMENT SUNDAY

Topic: Advanced Life Directives

4th Sunday: SPIRITUALITY SUNDAY

Mary Kolderie will be teaching on Creation Spirituality.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The education committee meets the last Tuesday of the month at 4pm and is open to new members. If you would see something new, different, or just be heard,

consider joining this group. Our next meeting is May 26 at 4 p.m. This group meets year round.

If you have any great ideas for parish education, please contact Vicki at christcheducation@hotmail.com or call 388-0411 x15. I am always looking for ways to serve you better

Ongoing Education Opportunities Schedule:

Every Sunday: 9 a.m. Adult Education
 9 a.m. Sunday School for 3 years to 6th grade
 10 a.m. Children’s Church (preteens and teens welcome)
 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship

Every Wednesday: 11 a.m. Women’s Bible Study

Every Thursday: 3 p.m. Rector’s Bible Study

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 1st Sunday 10 a.m. Youth Worship in Youth Room  
 1st Wednesday 7 p.m. Confirmation  
 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 p.m. Youth Group  
 Last Tuesday 4 p.m. Education Committee

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ing for our *Environment*, is a broad way of living in communion with how Jesus wanted us to be interconnected with one another. To conserve the things we have as things or to memorialize them as historical pieces of tradition or trinkets for us to say how nice they are does not move us into the greater vision of spreading the Good News of Love and Hope for All. It limits us to welcoming those who feel unwelcomed and those who feel they have no voice. Help your faith community by cutting down on the use of paper, by learning how to use a computer and receive this newsletter via e-mail. Help your faith community by inviting a stranger to worship, a potluck dinner, Sunday School or Adult Study. Help your faith community by experiencing something new with social outreach and sharing that information with your faith community, not keeping good ideas to yourself. Help your faith community by listening and dialoging in finding compromise with solutions instead of creating division and problems. Let us practice great conservation as we grow and expand our minds, our hearts, and our souls in the richness of God’s loving embrace together by reconciliation and forgiveness. May God bless your Easter Season with a new and wonderful awareness of God’s love around you and in you!

With Peace in the Risen Jesus,  
 Your Rector – Charles



Cardboard City evening before and morning, after the rain.



The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, will be in Minnesota May 14-17 for an official visitation with The Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota. *Conversation with Department of Indian Work leadership on Prairie Island Indian Reservation Saturday morning, May 16 ; Worship and Celebrate Eucharist at Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour, Faribault Saturday, May 16, 1:30 pm*



## May Memorials

05/03 **Church** In loving memory of wife Winifred, by David Thomas

**Chapel** In memory father, Ernie, by Barry Preble

05/10 **Church** In thanksgiving for parents, Ralph & Marie Nelson, by Marilyn Potswald

**Chapel** In loving memory of Tony by Delores Geiger

05/17 **Church** In memory of loved ones by Mr. & Mrs., Tom Danielson

Six roses on the altar in memory of Willis Gustafson from June and the girls

**Chapel** In thanksgiving for children by Annette Johnson and Dorinda Dahl

05/24 **Church** In memory of Louella Stone by Jamie & Laura Teele

**Chapel** In memory of Mr. S. B. Foot I

05/31 **Church** In memory of parents by Gail Henneck

**Chapel** In memory of husband, Irvin Jablonski, by Hazel Jablonski

*I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.*  
Philippians 1:3

## Birthdays

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                         | Sharon Hager                   |
| 5/01 Derek Featherstone | 5/21 Barbara Anderson          |
| William Hoyt            | Bridgette Cain                 |
| Olive Roome             | 5/22 Elizabeth Jensen          |
| 5/02 Shelby Miller      | 5/24 Sandra Richter            |
| 5/03 Jon Danielson      | 5/25 Phyllis Johnson           |
| Marian Gustafson        | 5/27 Andy Knudsen              |
| 5/06 Scott Danielson    | 5/31 Leah Adams                |
| Cory Hase               | <b>Anniversaries</b>           |
| 5/07 Jon Heckman        | 5/19 Bill & Becky Foot         |
| 5/11 Jeffrey Richter    | 5/26 Fr. Charles & Susie Uhlik |
| 5/12 Audrey Ferber      | 5/27 Lloyd & Audrey Brunner    |
| 5/14 Barry Preble       | Alan & Jane Smith              |
| 5/17 Jewel Lindrud      |                                |
| 5/20 Alison Johnson     |                                |

## Gluten Free Communion Wafers

If you have wheat allergies or Celiac Disease, please notify an usher or Altar Guild member prior to the service. Gluten free wafers are now available.

## May Scripture Readings

05/03 **Fourth Sunday of Easter:** Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

05/10 **Fifth Sunday of Easter :** Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:24-30; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

05/17 **Sixth Sunday of Easter:** Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

05/24 **Seventh Sunday of Easter:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

05/31 **Pentecost Sunday** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104: 25-35,37; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

(Readings can be found on the Internet at this website:  
<http://www.io.com/~kellywp/index.html>)

## Learn How to Use a Computer?

In an effort to use less paper and postage, and to encourage more online (Internet) usage, we will be offering training on how to turn the computer on, use email and get onto the Internet. There are two computers available in the Youth Room and several at the public library. There may be other places in Red Wing where you can use a computer free of charge.

Many diocesan events can be viewed on the computer and weekly diocesan news is available as parish news on our Christ Church website.





## Savings for the Church

In an effort to save paper and mailing costs, the Sunday schedule of acolytes/readers/cup bearers/usher-greeters and coffee hour assignments are being sent out via email wherever possible. The schedule is also printed in the newsletter and posted on the church website.

Last month the number of snail mailed schedules and readings was reduced from 36 to 10. If you are currently receiving your schedules via the USPS and are able to use the email option, please send a message to [christchpw@msn.com](mailto:christchpw@msn.com).

**Please check your email frequently towards the end of the month** so you don't miss your scheduled Sundays for the upcoming month. If you must trade assignments, please notify the church office.

# MAY 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Mon                                                                                                                                  | Tue                                                                                           | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Thu                                                                                           | Fri                                                                | Sat                                                                            |
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| <b>Every Sunday</b><br>8 am Holy Eucharist-Rite<br>1 Chapel<br>9 am Sunday School<br>9 am Adult Education<br>10 am Children's Worship<br>8:45-11:30 am Child Care<br>10 am Holy Eucharist-Rite 2 Church | <b>Every Monday</b><br>Rector's Day Off<br>4 pm Dana Dance                                                                           |                                                                                               | <b>Every Wednesday</b><br>10 am Holy Eucharist, Chapel<br>11 am CEC Staff Mtg<br>11 am Women's Bible Study<br>6 pm CA<br>6 pm Hand Bells                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Every Thursday</b><br>3 pm Rector's Bible Study conf. room<br>Noon AA Mtg<br>7:30 pm GA    | <b>Every Friday</b><br>Rector's Sabbath Day                        |                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                               | 1 St Philip & St. James, Apostles<br><b>See Every Friday</b>       | 2 Athanasius, Bishop<br>9 am Diocesan Convocation                              |
| 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter<br><b>See Every Sunday Above</b><br>Hot Breakfast<br>9 am Eucharistic Visitors Training<br>10 am Youth Worship<br>11:30 Baptism Class                                         | 4 Monica, Mother of Augustine<br><b>See Every Monday Above</b><br>12 N Jr. Guild                                                     | 5<br>6:30 GIFT Mtg                                                                            | 6<br><b>See Every Wednesday Above</b><br>7 Confirmation Dinner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 7<br><b>See Every Thursday Above</b><br>National Day of Prayer—Ecumenical Service In Red Wing | 8 Dame Julian of Norwich<br><b>See Every Friday Above</b>          | 9 Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop<br>11 a.m. Confirmation, Cathedral in Faribault |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <b>Clergy Conference</b> </div>                                                                                |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                                |
| 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter<br><b>See Every Sunday Above</b><br>Continental Breakfast<br>10 am Newly Confirmed presented<br>Happy Mother's Day                                                            | 11<br><b>See Every Monday Above</b><br>5:30 p.m. Property Committee                                                                  | 12<br>6 pm Outreach                                                                           | 13<br><b>See Every Wednesday Above</b><br>7 pm Youth Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 14<br><b>See Every Thursday Above</b><br>Noon Finance Mtg<br>4:30 HR Mtg                      | 15<br>Caller Items Due<br><b>See Every Friday Above</b>            | 16<br>10 am ECW Board<br>10 am Liturgy Mtg                                     |
| 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter<br><b>See Every Sunday Above</b><br>Continental Breakfast<br>10 am Graduation recognition<br>3 pm <b>Get My People Walking</b> -Bay Point Park, Potluck                       | 18<br><b>See Every Monday Above</b><br>7 pm Horticulture Mtg                                                                         | 19 Dunstan, Archbishop<br>3 pm Churches in the Park Mtg<br>6:30 M.O.M.'s Group<br>7 pm Vestry | 20 Alcuin, Deacon and Abbot of Tours<br><b>See Every Wednesday Above</b><br>N Pastoral Mtg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 21 Ascension Day<br><b>See Every Thursday Above</b><br>6 pm ECW Semi-annual dinner            | 22<br><b>See Every Friday Above</b>                                | 23                                                                             |
| 24 Seventh Sunday of Easter<br><b>See Every Sunday Above</b><br>Continental Breakfast                                                                                                                   | 25 Bede the Venerable<br><b>Office Closed</b><br> | 26 Augustine, Archbishop<br>4 pm Education<br>4:45 Altar Guild                                | 27<br>7 pm Youth Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 28<br><b>See Every Thursday Above</b>                                                         | 29<br><b>See Every Friday Above</b><br>6 pm Adult Dinner—Liberty's | 30<br>10 am Books N Brunch<br>Reg V Mtg                                        |
| 31 <b>Pentecost Sunday</b><br><b>See Every Sunday Above</b><br>Continental Breakfast<br>Recognition Sunday<br>10 am Colville Park                                                                       |                                                   |            | The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, will be in Minnesota May 14-17 for an official visitation with The Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota.<br><i>Conversation with Department of Indian Work leadership on Prairie Island Indian Reservation Saturday morning, May 16 ; Worship and Celebrate Eucharist at Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour, Faribault Saturday, May 16, 1:30 pm</i> |                                                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                                |

# May 2009 Sunday Ministries

Please save for reference throughout the month.

All Acolytes, Lectors, Readers & Cup Bearers, please gather with Fr. Charles in the Sacristy  
15 minutes before the service to pray together.

If you are unable to fulfill your assigned obligation, please find a replacement and notify the office.

| Date                                                                                                                                                                | Time    | Acolytes                                      | Lectors                                | Cup Bearers                      | Greeter/Ushers                                          | Coffee Hour                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3                                                                                                                                                                   | 8 a.m.  | Ruth Lambert                                  | Mary Christensen<br>Charlene Friedrich | Randy Johnson                    | Gordy Nickerson                                         | <b>Hot Breakfast</b>       |
|                                                                                                                                                                     | 10 a.m. | Chad Hager<br>Caleb Dressen<br>Nick Blue      | Peter von Haaren<br>Lorraine Remus     | Dawna McMillen<br>Lorraine Remus | Beckie Plaas Family<br>Jim & Jeanne Featherstone Family | Jim & Pam Dressen          |
| 10                                                                                                                                                                  | 8 a.m.  | Mathew Knudson                                | Mary Flueger<br>Gordy Gieseke          | Gordy Gieseke                    | Gordy Nickerson                                         | Continental Breakfast      |
|                                                                                                                                                                     | 10 a.m. | Grace Lambert<br>Cam Koch<br>Preston Blaney   | Donald Mayo<br>Pam Dressen             | Donald Mayo<br>Mary Kolderie     | Beckie Plaas Family<br>Jim & Jeanne Featherstone Family | Kris & Sharon Hager        |
| 17                                                                                                                                                                  | 8 a.m.  | Reid Johnson                                  | Mary Ann Valentine<br>Katy Jeske       | Mary Ann Valentine               | Gordy Nickerson                                         | Continental Breakfast      |
|                                                                                                                                                                     | 10 a.m. | Nick Blue<br>Caleb Dressen<br>Cam Koch        | Margaret Baker<br>Heather Flueger      | Alice Nelson<br>Terry Van Allen  | Beckie Plaas Family<br>Jim & Jeanne Featherstone Family | Recognition of Graduates   |
| 24                                                                                                                                                                  | 8 a.m.  | Ruth Lambert                                  | Charlene Friedrich<br>Mary Christensen | Gordy Gieseke                    | Gordy Nickerson                                         | Continental Breakfast      |
|                                                                                                                                                                     | 10 a.m. | Preston Blaney<br>Mathew Knudson<br>Nick Blue | Pat Welke<br>Gene Beckwith             | Lorraine Remus<br>Donald Mayo    | Beckie Plaas Family<br>Jim & Jeanne Featherstone Family | Maureen & John Blue        |
| 31<br>Colville Park                                                                                                                                                 | 8 a.m.  | Reid Johnson                                  | Randy Johnson<br>Catherine Johnson     | Randy Johnson                    | Gordy Nickerson                                         | Continental Breakfast      |
|                                                                                                                                                                     | 10 a.m. | Nick Blue<br>Caleb Dressen<br>Grace Lambert   | Arlene Beckwith<br>Mary Kolderie       | Mary Kolderie<br>Lorraine Remus  | Beckie Plaas Family<br>Jim & Jeanne Featherstone Family | Recognition Sunday Potluck |
| Altar Guild: Sharon Bryan-Chair, Mary Christensen-Assistant, Maureen Blue, Marilyn Grosse, Alice Nelson, Dawna McMillen-<br>Altar Guild Directress—Jeannette Wilson |         |                                               |                                        |                                  |                                                         |                            |

### When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

Mary Rita Schilke Korzan

When you thought I wasn't looking you hung my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another.

When you thought I wasn't looking you fed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, you baked a birthday cake just for me, and I knew that little things were special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking you said a prayer, and I believed there was a God that I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking you kissed me good-night, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt--but that it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking you smiled, and it made me want to look that pretty, too.

When you thought I wasn't looking you cared, and I wanted to be everything I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking--I looked . . . and wanted to say thanks for all those things you did when you thought I wasn't looking.

**Happy Mother's Day to all women.**

## Worship Winks—Confirmation, Reception & Reaffirmation

By Father Charles Uhlik

This month five of our young people of our congregation will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Reid Johnson, Nick Blue, Ruth Lambert, Caleb Dressen and Chad Hager have been studying and doing service work for those in need for the past fourteen months! All this work and study has been for our bishop to lay his hands upon them and call forth the Holy Spirit with these words to each of them:

*"Strengthen, O Lord, your servant (Name) with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life. Amen."* (BCP pg. 418) This seals in each person the journey that began with the Sacrament of Baptism, when their parents or guardians said yes to God in following the teachings found in the Apostles Creed we hold as Christians. They have then received what Jesus imparted to his disciples at Pentecost when he gave the Holy Spirit to them and reminded them to do as Jesus instructed us to do in John's Gospel, *"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'* Jn 20: 21-23 and in John 14: 8-17-Acts 8:14-17- Acts 19:5-6- Eph. 1:13- Eph. 4:30- Heb. 6:2 - Heb. 6:2- John 6:27- Rev. 9:4. All of these references bring us back to doing what Jesus has taught us, how to be a follower of the Creator and empower one another.

During the liturgy, and after those Confirmed have had hands laid on them by the bishop, the Master of Ceremonies then asks if any are present to be *"Received."* Those being *Received* are those who have received instruction in the Episcopal Church and its

## Why Go to Church

Submitted by Arlene Beckwith

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

"When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?"

teachings and have made the decision to enter into the wider Episcopal Church membership. This is a decision done out of affection and a desire to be interconnected with all Episcopalians. In conjunction with those being *"Received,"* there are those in our Episcopal Church who for one reason or another would like to *"Reaffirm"* their faith within the Episcopal Church and ask the bishop for a special prayer of renewed spirit and work for Jesus Christ. Both prayers of *"Reception"* and *"Reaffirmation,"* can be found in the *Book of Common Prayer* pages 418-419. If you would like more information about being *Confirmed* in the Faith, *Received* in the Episcopal Church or have your faith *Reaffirmed* in prayer, please feel free to talk with me.

## Parking Changes

By Randy Johnson, Property Committee Chair

As you may or may not know, the City agreed to change the parking rules along East and West Avenues, as well as some handicapped parking and a couple other nearby areas along 4th St. The spot on 4th St. nearest West Avenue on the church side of the street will be handicapped parking.

The biggest change is that parking will soon be allowed on both sides of East and West Aves. on both Sat. and Sun., except for the hours of 2 a.m. - 6 a.m. (for snow plowing). This runs all the way from 3rd St. to 7th St. The signs are being created now and should be in place in early May. A news release will precede the sign changes. The agreement is that this is a six-month trial, so a report to the City Council will occur in October.

Churches will be able to buy bags from the City at cost for covering the signs along the inside of East and West Avenues for special events.

Christ Episcopal Church  
321 West Avenue  
Red Wing, MN 55066  
christchurchredwing.com

Non Profit Organization  
U. S. Postal Permit 235  
Red Wing, MN 55066



**Return Service Requested**

### ECW Semi-Annual Supper

May 23—6 p.m.  
\$8 per person  
(child care available)

Sign up on the bulletin board  
outside the office.

Featuring Tara Schwantz, R.N.  
Speaking on her mission trips to Africa  
with a focus on women's health  
and their babies.

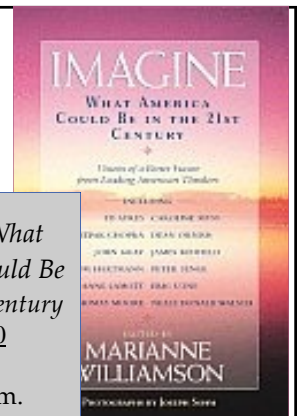
### Books & Brunch



Childcare is provided

*Imagine What  
America Could Be  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*  
May 30

10-11 a.m.  
At the church



### Church Women United May Friendship Day

What: May Friendship Day Luncheon

Tickets \$6—purchase in church office or from Mary Kolderie

Date: May 1, 2009

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: First United Methodist Church, West 4th Street and East Avenue, Red Wing

Day care provided by calling the church office, 388-3262 by April 27.

Speaker: Cheryl Finnegan. Ms. Finnegan is a writer, historian and former educator at the Olmstead County and Goodhue County Historical Societies. Her presentation will be about women of Goodhue County who have made a difference in Goodhue County history.