

The Caller

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New Beginnings

Happy New Year, friends. Another trip around the sun is complete. I am always fascinated by the consistency of the earth’s orbit. It’s not a roller coaster or random, wobbly ride. It is steady, consistent, and predictable – like God. The magnitude of God often takes my breath away. I look up at the stars or stare at a snowflake on my glove and am in awe of the Master.

Each of us is unique with gifts that only we can offer. “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” (1Cor12:7)

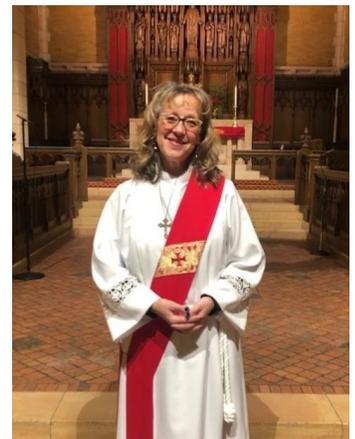
We are called again to lean into God by leaning on each other. Remember that God has fully entered into this experience with us through Jesus. “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2Cor5:17)

Rather than trying on new year’s resolutions, how about trying on renewal? Bishop Craig often shares that there are just a few things we can do each day to “become new”.

First, make it a point to say something to God every single day. This can be a formal prayer or a casual windshield chat. Ask for what you need. Make it a point to quiet yourself, and let your spirit listen. The only way to do this wrong is to not do it at all.

Second, open a Bible or get an app and complete a daily reading or devotional. I suggest that you do this either first thing in the morning or last thing before you end your day. It is a wonderful way to reset yourself.

Third, share your life in a real way with others. Commit to saying or doing something nice for someone every single day. Sometimes this someone might even be yourself. This can evolve into coming alongside those who desperately need someone to be there, maybe that someone is you.



Will you invite someone to join you at worship to be nourished by our liturgy like you are? Will you go out of your way to let go of petty arguments and judgments of people you don’t agree with? Will you treat someone younger than you with gentleness and respect? Each one of us has gifts of the Spirit for the common good. What will you do to help our community lean into this next phase?

We are in the beginning of a new era here at Christ Church. Craig Lounsbrough said, “Any new beginning is forged from the shards of the past, not from the abandonment of the past.” We are new creations, but transitions are not new. Let’s learn from where we have come from and forge this new trail ahead together.

In Jesus,
Deacon Vicki

A Letter from the Vestry

Happy New Year!

As I reflect back at 2022, I am thankful our church community was able to get back together and do what we love, spreading the word of God. The pandemic challenged us spiritually and emotionally, it was a long two years.

I joined the vestry this past year to get more involved in my church. The learning curve is huge, more like a crater and your patience with me has been appreciated. It has also been frustrating because the learning curve is so significant. It has been hard for me to step outside my comfort zone on some things, but it has also been rewarding to know that I am (hopefully) making a difference at Christ Church.

I am inspired that our church community lives and breathes the true definition and I invite you to continue spreading the word outside the church.

The big thing that stood out for me in 2022 was the word “Christian”. I don’t want us to be confused with the true meaning of the word. The Webster definition of Christian as a noun is the following: “One who professes belief in the teachings of Jesus Christ”. The adjective definition is: “treating other people in a kind or generous way”. I find these to be contrary to the rhetoric being spewed on social media and the news. I am inspired that our church community lives and breathes the true definition and I invite you to continue spreading the word outside the church.

When meeting with Letha prior to her departure, a question came out of that meeting. “How important is this church to our community?” I think that is an easy question to answer when I think about all our church community has done this past year. Our committees have been nothing short of amazing in what they do. From hosting an event, bringing in new music, collecting items for those in need and creating a beautiful new space in our basement, our church community has been busy. We are a resilient, giving community, and I am for-



fortunate to be a part of it.

We appreciate your resilience, and challenge you to step outside your comfort zone. We have some challenges and opportunities as we bring in the 2023 year. As you are aware, both Letha and Debora have retired their positions. This leaves us without a priest and office support. Can we say “Wow, that’s a lot! YES, it’s a lot! There is a lot that goes into keeping our church community functioning. So back to the question: “How important is the church to our community?” I ask you to dig deep in keeping our community resilient and ask yourself, “How can I deepen my roots within my church?” We need your help in keeping this church vibrant and ready for the next priest.

Our search committee is hard at work finding our next priest, we are being told by the Diocese that we should have a couple names this month, please pray one of these candidates is our next priest in charge. During this time period, we will be hosting different supply priests to perform our services. We were not able to fill a priest for January 15 and will host prayer service that day. A full calendar is included in the back of the Caller and posted on our website.

We are actively looking for an administrative assistant but, in that transition, we need some assistance with some tasks Debora did on a daily/weekly basis. If you have some time during the week, a couple hours a week, we would truly appreciate your help. Even the small skill set can make a huge impact.

Join with me in furthering the cause of Christ. And join us for potluck on January 8 along with music!

Blessings,
Kris Blaney -Jr Warden

Third Fridays at Church are a Thing!



This month we are going to be
Hot reads for Cold Nights, by Zoe
Malinchoc

Come and enjoy activities around
good stories.

Please join us, it will be fun!

January 20, 5:30pm

A few images from last month



January Youth News

Youth group time is moving!

Christ church youth group is beginning a monthly meeting schedule with special events as schedules allow.

2nd Wednesdays—6pm-7:30pm

We're going Snow Tubing at Hudson Badlands!!

Saturday, January 21—1:00pm-5:30pm

The cost is \$23/person and scholarships are available.

We are taking over a space in the building. The old conference room is about to be transformed into the youth room. Stay tuned...

Please reach out to Vicki with any questions.



Community Engagement Notes *from Pat and Mike Martin*

Here's an update on how we can continue to contribute to our community as we are able.

Food shelf

Pat dropped off 49.28 pounds of food yesterday at the Food Shelf. She had seven bags, and six were reusable, which they were very pleased to accept. One volunteer said "A Christmas Miracle!"

Coat Shed

Coats, hats, mittens, and any supplies to help people be warm in these winter months are welcome.

Hope Coalition

There is a bin for supplies to donate to Hope Coalition for people in need. Supplies can be anything from hygiene to clothing to food.

Red Wing Schools Clothing Pantries

Red Wing Schools accept used clothing to help children in need.

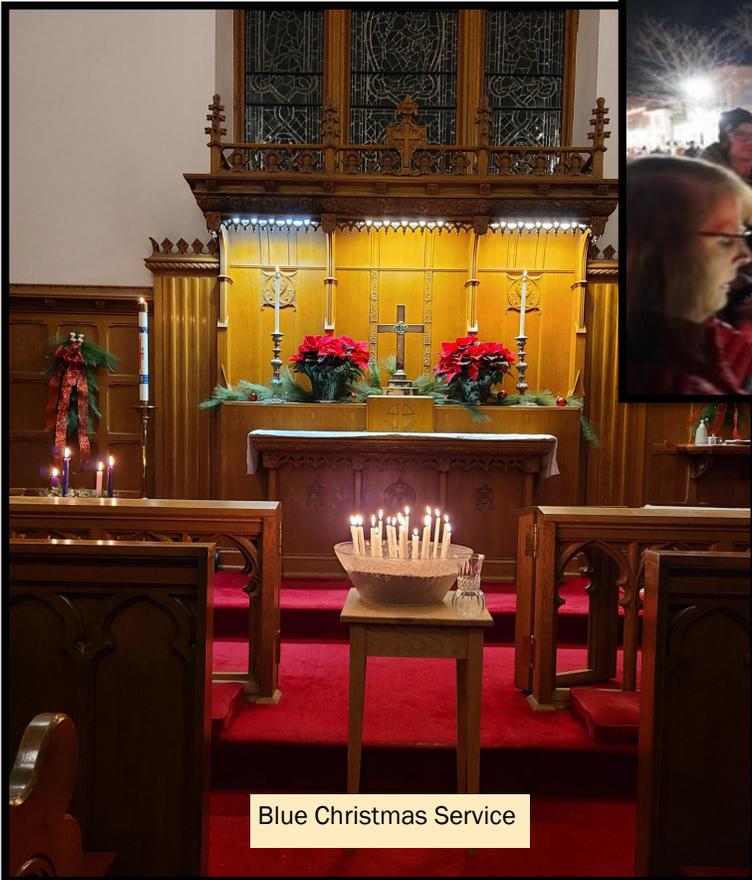
Goodhue County Resource Center

As a team, we are also eager to support the Goodhue County Resource Center when they open this month in our basement.

December Church Life



Vicki Lambert Ordination—December 9, 2022



Blue Christmas Service



Faithful Innovations—Prayer Wall

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

4 Freyja Knutson	22 Laura Teele
5 Beckie Plaas	25 Joyce Koerner
11 Becca Knudsen	27 Bear Blaney
13 Babs Knudson	28 The Rev. Barbara von Haaren
18 Matthew Knudson	29 Shawn Blaney
21 Lori Remus	30 Randy Johnson
	31 Patricia Tighe

No anniversaries this month

Altar Flowers for January



January 10 is
National
Houseplant
Appreciation
Day.

There are some open dates for flowers on the altar. Please contact Maureen Blue if you want to sign up for a date. Phone 651-385-0574 or email: maureen-blue108@yahoo.com

January 1

Chapel **In memory of mom and dad.**
David VanHouten

Church **In memory of parents: Joe and Jane Welke and Willie and Margaret Wilson** *Mike and Jeannette Wilson*

January 8

Chapel **In memory of parents and grandparents** *Mary Brunner*

Church **In loving memory of Lloyd "Noisy" Johnson** *Joe Johnson*

January 15

Chapel **In memory of Alva and Ginevra Ervin & Deane and Ellen Valentine** *Ernie, Mary Ann and Rich Valentine*

Church **In memory of Nick and loved ones** *Nada Peters, James Touche'-Peters and Mary Foley*

January 22

Chapel **In memory of Lorna Park Foot** *Foot Foundation*

Church Open

January 30 Open: Chapel and Church

January 2023 Calendar and Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Prayer service—10 am	2	3	4– Supply Priest—Rev Steve Gheen 9:30 Chapel Service 5:30 Hospitality 6:30 pm Choir	5 6:30 MOPS	6	7
8– Supply Priest—Rev Aaron Twait First Sunday Potluck 8 am Eucharist Service Rite II No Music 10 am Eucharist Service Rite II	9	10 5:30pm Property Committee	11-Supply Priest—Rev Steve Gheen 9:30 Chapel Service 6pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir	12 Suicide Prevention Group 7 pm	13	14 10:30 am Community Engagement
15 <i>Morning Prayer by Rev Vicki Lambert—Rite II, no music— 8 am</i> <i>Morning Prayer by Rev Vicki Lambert—Rite II, 10 am</i>	16 Vestry - 5pm	17	18 Supply Priest—Rev Steve Gheen 9:30 am Chapel Service 6:30 pm Choir	19 6:30 pm MOPS	20 5:30 pm Fun Night for All	21 1:30 Youth Event
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Mark Your Calendars!**Sunday, January 8– Potluck****Friday January 20– Third Friday Fun Night for All– Hot Reads for Cold Nights****Saturday January 21–Youth group Snow Tubing****Sunday January 29–Annual Meeting, 11:30 am, potluck****Volunteer opportunities:**

Needed weekly Sunday morning services: Readers of lessons, leaders of prayers, and greeters please sign up on the bulletin board.

Annual Meeting Notice

**NOTICE
of
Annual Meeting
of
Christ Episcopal Church of Red Wing**

The annual meeting of Christ Episcopal Church of Red Wing will be held in the Parish Hall of Christ Church, Red Wing, Minnesota, on the 29th day of January, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the church service has been completed for the purpose of electing officers and other Vestry members to new and any unexpired terms, electing lay delegates and alternates to diocesan convention, receiving the budget and reports, and conducting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2023. Pam Dressen, Clerk

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