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Five A.M. in the Pinewoods

by Mary Oliver

I'd seen
their hoofprints in the deep
needles and knew
they ended the long night

under the pines, walking
like two mute
and beautiful women toward
the deeper woods, so I

got up in the dark and
went there. They came
slowly down the hill
and looked at me sitting under

the blue trees, shyly
they stepped
closer and stared
from under their thick lashes and even

nibbled some damp
tassels of weeds. This
is not a poem about a dream,
though it could be.

This is a poem about the world
that is ours, or could be.
Finally
one of them— I swear it!—

would have come to my arms.
But the other
stamped sharp hoof in the
pine needles like

the tap of sanity,
and they went off together through
the trees. When I woke

I was alone,

I was thinking:
so this is how you swim inward,
so this is how you flow outward,
so this is how you pray.

I will be going to the North Shore this
coming week to visit friends and enjoy the
summer. I hope you have some time to
enjoy the summer too.

Blessings,
Letha



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A Devastating Time

Thoughts from Bishop Loya

Beloved in Christ,

It has been another hard week. A devastating shooting at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Alabama, followed closely by the decision from the Supreme Court today striking down Roe v. Wade, has left the world feeling very dark and heavy once again.



What are the origins of the Bible?

Archaeology and the study of written sources have shed light on the history of both halves: the Old Testament and the New Testament. These findings may be incomplete and they may be highly contested, but they have helped historians paint a picture of how the Bible came to life.

[The Episcopal Church has explicitly and continuously supported a woman's right to access abortion since the 1960s.](#)

I have served in several roles both locally and nationally with service and advocacy organizations committed to guaranteeing and safeguarding that right, and have seen firsthand the way abortion restrictions disproportionately impact people who are already marginalized in society. I have helped care for people who were doing the important work of care and compassion in the face of massive opposition and violent threats, but I honestly never thought we would be in the position we find ourselves today. While not surprising, it is crushing and cruel. My heart breaks and my soul cries out. I call your attention to [this wise and pastoral statement from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry today](#), and encourage you to share it in your communities.

Our world is deeply and profoundly broken, and that brokenness causes real pain and does real damage.

The deep rifts in the fabric of our common life seem to be erupting more frequently into acts of violence, and the Episcopal Church is known for our bold and prophetic stands on issues of social justice. For those of us responsible for leading and caring for faith

communities, this layers another anxiety on top of the grief and anger we already feel. Please know that I am regularly in touch with local leaders who are monitoring for any credible and organized threats in our area. Canon Tim Kingsley, who has an extensive background in law enforcement and intelligence, and Canon Kelsey Schuster, our Canon for Operations and Chief-of-Staff, will be introducing a full training that anyone in the diocese can use to keep our communities safe. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about the best ways to safeguard your community, please feel free to e-mail Tim at: timk@ourcathedral.org.

Our world is deeply and profoundly broken, and that brokenness causes real pain and does real damage. In Jesus, God has offered us the healing balm of perfect love, and invited us to join Jesus in healing and renewing the world. That is hard and painful work, and we are all weary from its weight. Be gentle to yourselves, even as you care for those wounded and weary souls entrusted to you. We are all in this together, and we worship a God who, despite all the evidence, will one day fully and finally make all things new with perfect love, world without end.

Grace and peace,

The Right Reverend Craig Loya
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Episcopal Church in Minnesota

Summer Prayers from Mary Heckman

We finally have our summer weather and now we are dreaming of cool fall days after our record-breaking heat this week.

Remember to stay out of the heat as much as you can and drink plenty of water. Recognize the signs of heat exhaustion and stroke and seek medical care immediately.

High body temperature
 Altered mental status
 Altered sweating
 Nausea and Vomiting
 Flushed skin
 Rapid breathing
 Rapid heartbeat
 Headache

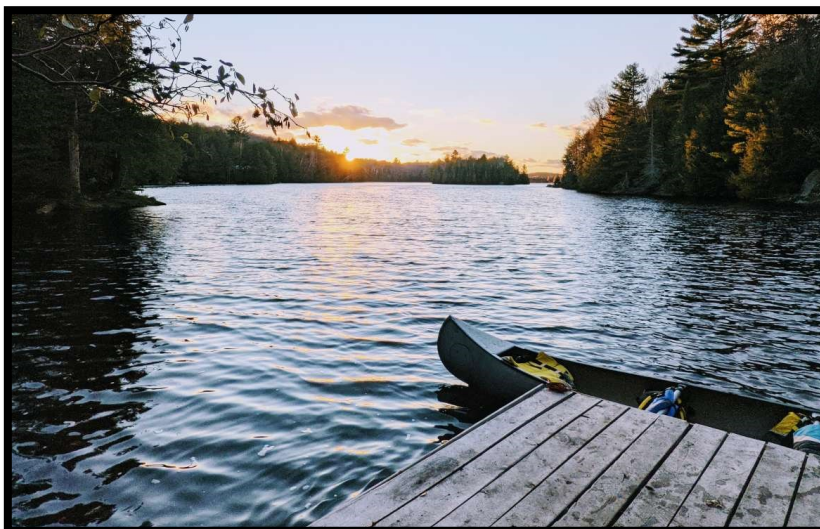
Below are some fun prayers for your summer. I hope you have a safe enjoyable summer.

Ten Prayers of Summer:

- God, make it warm enough so my tomatoes will grow but not so hot that I can't sleep with the window open.
- I will not hyperventilate at the prospect of a summer spot where there are no bars on my phone.
- Lord, I know you "send rain on the just and unjust," but please not for the whole week I'm off.
- May the hammock be soft and the book absorbing.
- Please don't let anybody take seriously the out-of-office email that says, "Feel free to call me anytime."
- Nobody really cares what I look like in my bathing suit...right, God?
- Make me tolerant of others on the road and use quotable language behind the wheel of the car.
- No mosquitoes, no poison ivy, no airport delays, no deer ticks.
- Now's the time to remember when I said, "If I just had the time..."
- A sudden thundershower, fresh peaches, a mouthful of watermelon seeds, crushed mint, a Frisbee on the beach: For these I give you thanks, O God.



Traditionally, the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) were believed to be written by Moses through divine dictation. Early on though, people were aware that some phrases in the books did not fit with the divine dictation theory. As time passed and more research was done, it became clear that more than one author had written the books. Now, virtually all scholars agree that the Torah (also called the Pentateuch) is composed of material from multiple authors and sources.



Youth Group News

Ready, Set, Summer!!

Congratulations on completing another school year! Christ Episcopal is excited to start youth activities again. Youth group is designed for all young people from 6th to 12th grade (regardless of confirmation status). We use the GroupMe app for news. We are having a great time this summer!

Last month we packed meals for Feed My Starving Children. The meals we packed at our Eagan, MN, location on June 7, 2022 were shipped to: **LeSEA Global Feed The Hungry in Togo** on Wednesday June 22, 2022

Did you know? Meals usually take between two weeks and six months to travel to their destination. It all depends on where in the world they go and how hard

it is to get there. They cross the ocean by ship or plane and wait in line to clear customs. Then they journey by car, bike, canoe or even donkey to reach our partners. Many hands carry these meals to children and families in need.

On Tuesday, June 28, we went for a hike up Sorin's Bluff (Memorial Park).

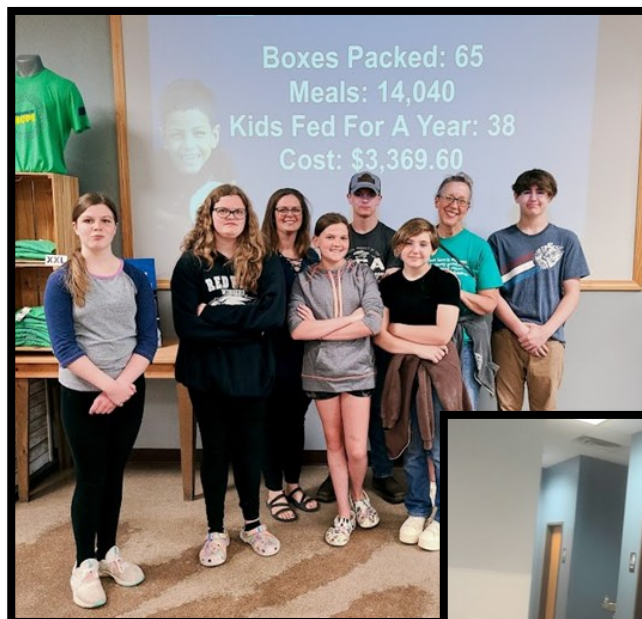
We'll hang out together on **Tuesday, July 12**

We'll either hike the bluff or meet at the home Aces game. I'll bring some super snacks!

We have an opportunity to engage in service work with River Bluff Humane Society right here in Red Wing. Date to be announced.



The Geneva Bible was the first to be printed on a printing press. It was published by a colony of Protestant scholars in exile from England who had fled during the repressive reign of the Roman Catholic Mary I. It was the first bible English bible to have verse numbers. The work acquired the nickname "Breeches Bible" because it described Adam and Eve as having made "breeches" to cover their nakedness (Genesis 3:7), instead of "aprons" or "loincloths."



Look at all the good work the Youth Group did at Feed My Starving Children! Where will the food they packed go? Read the above article.



Food Shelf Sundays are Back!

Beginning this July, the first Sunday of each month will be Food Shelf Sunday.

Please place your food items in the labeled bin in the back of the church, or in the Parish Hall entryway. Letha will bless these groceries during the service, and they will be dropped off at the Red Wing Area Food Shelf. This is an emergency food shelf for people in need. If you are able, please help these individuals and families who are struggling.

Currently the food shelf especially needs cereal, canned fruit, stew, chili, diced tomatoes, sloppy joe sauce, and pasta. You may also write a check to the "Red Wing Area Food Shelf." For every dollar, they are able to buy about three dollars worth of food at the Channel One Food Bank in Rochester. Because this is an all volunteer organization, 90% of all donations go directly to food for those in need.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Wacipi: An Invitation to Attend

I invite you to join me on Sunday, July 10th after the 10 a.m. service to attend the Prairie Island, Wacipi (Powwow) at 1 p.m. We can carpool from church, leaving at 12:15; admission is free and lunch is available at vendors on site. This is a wonderful opportunity to join, support, and learn more about our Dakota neighbors and their rich culture and heritage.



See link for more information on Powwows and etiquette for visitors: <https://prairieisland.org/community/powwows/>

"Sometimes called Wacipi (pronounced Wa chee pee), the powwow is a traditional Native American cultural celebration where the generations gather to socialize, dance, sing, visit, renew old friendships and make new ones. In Dakota language, the word "Wacipi" literally means "they dance."

This is a time to renew thoughts of old ways, educate our youth about Dakota culture, and preserve our rich heritage."



The Bible Was Written in Three Languages Across Three Continents.

The Bible was written in Asia, Europe and Africa and in three different languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. The Old Testament was primarily in Hebrew while the New Testament was written in Greek, the language of scholarship at the time, and in Aramaic. Aramaic was the common spoken language of the area and time and most likely the language that Jesus spoke.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

3 Amy Mayo
 Scarlett Johnson
 15 Landon Johnson
 20 Alyssa Haas Johnson
 Keith Hase
 22 Jean Featherstone
 24 Wendy Thomforde
 26 Nada Peters
 Pam Dressen

Anniversaries

6 Jim and Pam Dressen
 8 Ellie and Pat Kellie
 16 Brianna Dressen and
 Mathew Pearson
 19 Ann and Kevin Florine
 20 Ted and Kelly Florine
 21 Erik and Laura Prink
 28 Lynn and Charlie Brown



There is a talking donkey in the Bible

The Bible records the story of a talking donkey in Numbers 22:26-28*:

26 Then the angel of the LORD moved on ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right or to the left. 27 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat it with his staff. 28 Then the LORD opened the donkey's mouth, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"

Altar Flowers for July

July 3 Chapel **In memory of loved ones**
Jean Chamberlain

Church **In memory of Warren**
Naomi Lenway, Susan and Mary

July 10 Chapel **In memory of E. H. Foot**
Foot Memorial Fund

Church **In memory of loved ones**
Laura and Jamie Teele

July 17 Chapel **In memory of Gene**
Arlene Beckwith

Church **In memory of son Grant and husband Dick**
Carol Kosec

July 24 Chapel **In memory of loved ones: Louis & Adela Possehl, Edward & Martha Possehl, Louis Wright & Collin**
anonymous

Church **In memory of Don and Vonnie Wick**
Dennis and Marlis Whitmore

We Need Help Hosting Community Events:

People of Christ Church, our facility and its location is a great gift for us to share with community organizations for special events at Central Park. We have two events coming up and we need four pairs of hosts for 2-1/2 hour sessions for each of event.

1. The new "River Town Throw Down," a smaller version of the Big Turn Music Festival, organized by Sam Brown and sponsored by the Red Wing Arts organization, is on Saturday, July 16, Noon-10 p.m, the musicians and volunteers will be using our space for rest and refreshments.
2. Hispanic Outreach of Goodhue County will be offering its annual "Hispanic Cultural Festival" on September 10th, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. The dancers and volunteers will be using our facility for rest and refreshment.

You can sign up on the bulletin board near the office or call the office.

Jazz Service and Picnic

The Community Engagement Team invites you to the Jazz Service and Picnic on Sunday, July 24, 2022.

We know that family & friends who spend time together, stay together. We are the Body of Christ and share gifts with each other. Our mission is to reach out to our community. We would love to see you at this social event designed to include everybody.

Sunday, July 24th, 2022
Jazz Service at 10:00 am
Picnic lunch to follow

You're needed & invited!



Please contact Christine Ries (sitting, right) ries7015@gmail.com, Kris Blaney (sitting left), or Vicki Lambert (standing) if you are willing to help set up or clean up.



While churches and iconography world-wide depict images of Jesus, the Bible never truly describes what he looks like. There are hints to his features found in some books of the Bible, but a full description is lacking. The only bible verse that gives any indication of Jesus's appearance is Isaiah 53:2 "he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him."

JAZZ SERVICE IN THE PARK

featuring the
Judson Jazz Ensemble
from Minneapolis

Sunday, July 24th
10:00 a.m.
Central Park, Red Wing

Bring your friends, lawn chairs and blankets!
Free Picnic Lunch after the Service!
Free Will Donations go to the Christ Church Coat Shed

A colorful, abstract illustration of three men in suits and hats, likely representing the jazz ensemble. The style is reminiscent of a collage or a painting with vibrant colors.

July 2022 Calendar and Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29 Chapel Service 10:00 am Bible Study 11am	30	1	2
3 <i>Rite II</i> 10am	4 Office Closed for July 4	5	6 Chapel Service 10:00 am Bible Study 11am Hospitality 5:30 pm	7 Suicide Prevention Group 7 pm	8	9 Community Engagement 10:30 am
10 <i>Rite II</i> 10am	11 Sewing Group 1 pm	12 Property 5:30pm	13 Chapel Service 10am Bible Study 11am	14 MOPS 6:30 pm	15	16
17 <i>Rite II</i> 10am	18 Vestry_5 pm	19	20 Chapel Service 10am Bible Study 11 am	21	22	23
24/(31) Community Jazz Service and Barbeque 10am Central Park	25	26 Altar Guild 4:45	27 Chapel Service 10am Bible Study 11am	28	29	30

Wednesday Bible Study is at 11:00 a.m. We are studying Simon Peter. Please join us!

Hospitality Meeting July 6, 5:30 pm

Sewing Group July 11, 1 pm

Community Engagement Team July 9,
10:30 am

Vestry Meeting, July, 5:00 pm

Altar Guild July 26, 4:45 pm

Mark Your Calendars!

**Central Park Jazz Service and
Barbeque** July 24, 10:00 am