

THE CALLER

Christ Episcopal Church, Red Wing, MN

May 2023

Easter Mysteries

by Deacon Vicki

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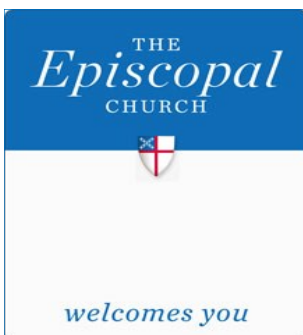
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When someone close to you dies, there are tidal waves of emotions which engulf you. Fear, anger, frustration, relief, anger, laughter in memories, shame, guilt ... the list goes on and on. Oftentimes, when you feel like you are beginning to get a handle on understanding the loss and manage your big feelings, a grief ambush sets in and overwhelms you with emotion.

Imagine how the followers Jesus felt right after the crucifixion. Here is their teacher, mentor, friend. Fortunately, there were those who had the sense to ask to bury him so the lifeless body would not be subjected to the elements for days. Also, the women never hid. They stayed. I believe they were there when the body was placed in the tomb. The men did hide. Each of them had all of the big feelings. They lived the story we know the ending to.

In last Sunday's Gospel (Luke 24:13-35), we walked on the road to Emmaus away from where Jesus was executed. Those men were rehashing the story, as if it might change the outcome. Don't we all do that? If we've lost something, don't we keep revisiting the same moments, thinking that if we go there often enough, the lost item will miraculously appear?

Bishop Craig's article beautifully illustrates what happens next:

The risen Jesus comes and walks beside them, visits with them, and even teaches a little impromptu roadside Bible study, explaining how the scriptures have pointed to all of it, but, mysteriously, they are prevented from recognizing him. It's only over dinner, when they break bread together, that

they see him, and know the full joy of Easter's good news.

That's it, isn't it? Jesus' entire ministry was centered on those who needed him the most: the poor, the sick, the blind. Wherever he could find them, he shared not only his love, but whatever else he had, until finally he shared his broken body as well. He brings us new life with his resurrection and hope.



What the world needs from us, beloved, is not for us to be brilliant. It doesn't need us to be interesting or entertaining. What the world needs is for our lives to exude the love of God and the joy of Easter... We are called to be holy, to live in a way that God's love, and God's power over death, is revealed every time we gather, delight in one another, and break bread.

Wherever you are, whatever you are carrying today, Jesus is walking right beside you, waiting to sit with you, host you, love you, and set you free--free for love, free to make peace, free to light the whole world up with joy.

-The Right Reverend Craig Loya

Jesus is here right now, beside us, loving us, inspiring us, and helping us live into God's plan for unconditional love. That is the incredible joy and sacred mystery of Easter.



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Happy May and Happy Singing!

by Angela Shefveland

As we awake from this very long and snowy winter season, it seems fitting to announce that Reverend Aaron Twait will join us in as Priest-in-Charge at Christ Episcopal Church, Red Wing, in July.

Pastor Aaron will seem familiar to many of you, as he has been serving as a supply priest over the past few months. He was ordained in June of 2022 and has been serving as Assisting Priest at Christ Episcopal Church in Woodbury as he finishes his Master of Divinity at Luther Seminary. Pastor Aaron also holds a History and Philosophy degree from The University of Iowa. Pastor Aaron resides in Woodbury, Minnesota, with his wife and four children.

Pastor Aaron has worn many hats as a member of the Episcopal Church, including Cantor, Treasurer, and member of the Faithful Innovations team from Woodbury. He is also active in those committees that focus on community engagement. In his role as Assisting Priest, he regularly provides pastoral care to hospitalized and homebound parishioners as well as creating and mentoring a lay pastoral care group.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone on the Search committee: Chris Foss, Catherine Johnson, Jim Dressen, Brendan Kelly, and Kris Blaney, for patiently working through this process and to Joan Foot who has been a fount of information along the way. You can look forward to learning more about Pastor Aaron in the June edition of The Caller.

Angela Shefveland, Sr. Warden



Hello! from Dawne

Hello!

My name is Dawne (as in sunrise) and I live in Lake City. I'm *almost* a cradle Episcopalian. My daughter and son-in law live in New Bern, NC, and Thomas is a Major in the Marines. I have 2 beautiful grandchildren, Aurora 10 and Abram 8.

Please come by and say hello!

**Church office hours:
Tuesday – Thursday: 9-5**



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Love One Another

by Kris Blaney

Do you ever have a thought or an event you play back in your head multiple times only to leave you empty with solutions. There's something that has been bothering me for a couple of months now and since I have your attention, I get to share. Perks of being a warden ☐

So here it goes...why do we put so much time in judging others on how they think, look, or live? This world seems to be consumed with making one feel superior over another, invalidating one's thoughts and beliefs. We all do it, whether we realize it or not. I know that I am not exempt and have to remind myself every once in a while, to "stay in my own lane".

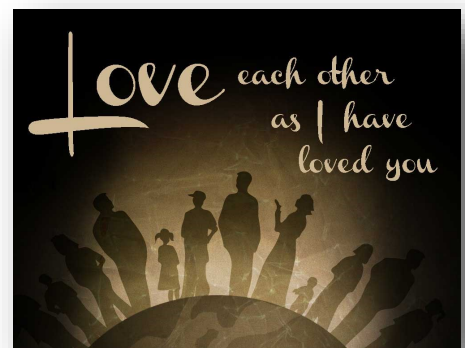
We all want to be loved; we are all vulnerable and have made mistakes. Let's learn to walk beside someone instead of in front of them.

Why do we judge? It's not necessarily wrong to judge. Sometimes we judge with positive or non-harming intentions. Judging can be a way for us to perceive the world around us and discover where we fit in. Forming opinions of others can help us recognize what we like and aspire to be. Help drive us to be better human beings and strive to reach goals.

Where judging becomes unhealthy is when we disrespect the opinions of others and see ourselves as superior over another. This judgement comes from a negative place and can be harmful to yourself and others. Unfortunately, am seeing this type of behavior more and more in our society.

So how do we change it? The answer is simple – Love One Another. We all want to be loved; we are all vulnerable and have made mistakes. Let's learn to walk beside someone instead of in front of them.

Let us trust in the one that lays the final judgment.





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Faithful Innovations Team Update

Your Faithful Innovations team is wrapping up with our last get together with the southeastern MN group in Faribault on April 1. As our final project, we would like to install a reflection bench outside on our church property. It was our team member Kathleen Malinchoc's idea, and we would like to honor that and have it be in her memory. We will be fundraising to make this happen. Watch for more info! If you're wondering what happened to the

prayer wall, it is down for now, but will be back out next fall as the holiday season approaches. Tasked with thinking of an item to go with our new flyer and letter for the Welcome Wagon that reaches Red Wing's newcomers, we came up with a magnet with our church logo and times of our worship services. Great idea, Angela! Thanks for your help as we navigated this new journey. We'll let you know when we hear if this will be offered again for

anyone interested.

Tari Carpenter & Angela Shefvland



The Community Engagement Team

Here are the latest needs of our community
Please contribute as you are able

Food Shelf

- ◆ Baked Beans
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Canned Chicken
- ◆ Toilet Paper



Labeled bins are located in the Parish Hall entryway and in the back of the church.

Hope Coalition

- ◆ Diapers & Wipes
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Gift Cards for food and cash



Labeled bin in the Parish Hallway entryway.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!



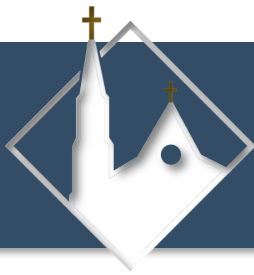
There are still one more opportunity for hosting a 3rd Friday. Will you step forward to host? See Deacon Vicki, if you are willing.

The Hospitality Team Still Needs Help!

This team of hard-working folks provides hospitality for a number of events throughout the year. We are a small group and we need help from more parishioners.

The duties are simple, and we need a list of volunteers who are willing to provide baked goods and help with events, especially the cleaning up part.

Please contact Marm Nihart at (651) 385-9140 and add your name to the list.



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Easter Lilies

The Easter Lilies were glorious! Many thanks to the Parish families that contributed.

Name

Sentiment

Lori Remus	In memory of loved ones
Chris Foss	In memory of loved ones
Marm Nihart	Sisters: Lenore, Mim, Donna Mae; Husband Bob
Charlie Brown	Carolyn Brown
Lynn Brown	Hutch Schilling
Charlie Brown	Paul Drotos
Sandy Richter	In memory of loved ones
Bill & Becky Foot	In thanksgiving for Children - Elizabeth & Nathaniel
Tari & Judy Carpenter	In memory of Clyde and Marge Mabin, Duane Carpenter, & Rick Perkins
Heather Flueger	In memory of Mary Flueger
Todd Whalen	In memory of Lary Whalen
Linda McNairy	Two in memory of Phil
Randy & Carole Pastorius	One
Pat Welke	One
Buck & Joan Foot	In thanksgiving of Fanny
Zoe & Richard Malinchoc DeVoe	In memory of Kathleen D. Malinchoc
June Gustafson	One



Our Partners in God's Work: Goodhue County Resource Center

NEW HOURS:

Monday 11am—4pm
 Tuesday 12pm—7pm
 Thursday 11am—4pm
 Friday 11am—4pm



Helping families and individuals access resources in our community.



- Housing
- Physical & Mental Health
- Chemical Dependency
- Legal Services
- Child Care
- Eviction Litigation
- Transportation
- Education
- Employment
- Pregnancy
- Food
- Social Services
- And More...



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Mark Your Calendars!

ECW presents:

Save the Date:

Thursday, June 22 @ 5:30pm

CEC Fellowship Hall

RSVP required by June 17

Space is limited



First Sunday Celebration



Sunday, May 7

8am—Worship

9am—Wellness Hour

Mindfulness and Stress

Reduction

by Joyce Koerner, MPS, LPC

10am—Worship with musician

Tony Cuchetti

11am—Potluck

12pm—Tony Cuchetti—mini
concert



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May 2023 Scheduled Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 12p Junior Guild	2 12 pm Sewing Group	3 9:30a Eucharist w/ discussion 5 pm Women's AA 5:30p Hospitality Meeting 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30pm MOPS	5 4:15 Youth Group	6 7 pm NA in Youth Room
7 First Sunday Potluck! The Rev Colin Malbie presiding 8a Eucharist 9a CGS 10a Eucharist	8	9 5:30p Property Committee	10 9:30a Eucharist 5pm Women's AA 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13 10:30a Community Engagement Team (CET) 7 pm NA in Youth Room
14 The Rev Nick Mazacapa-presiding 8a Eucharist 9a CGS 10a Eucharist	15 5 pm Vestry Meeting	16	17 9:30a Eucharist 5pm Women's AA 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	18 6:30pm MOPS	19 5:30pm Third Friday Fun TBD	20 9:30am ECW Meeting 7 pm NA in Youth Room
21 The Rev Chris Beebe-presiding 8a Eucharist 9a CGS 10a Eucharist	22 4:30pm Altar Guild - Parish Hall	23	24 9:30a Eucharist 5pm Women's AA 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 7 pm NA in Youth Room
28 The Rev Chris Beebe-presiding 8a Eucharist 9a CGS 10a Eucharist	29	30				



Easter Sunday 2023





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May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 Bill Hoyt, Derek Featherstone
 2 Ariel Johnson, Shelby Miller
 3 Jon Danielson, Marian Gustafson
 6 Samantha Bangard, Scott Danielson
 7 Jon Heckman
 11 Jeff Richter
 12 Karen Rigelman
 17 Amelia Reintz
 20 Allison Johnson, Sharon Hager
 21 Barbara Anderson

24 Sandra Richter
 25 Mary Brunner, Phyllis Johnson
 27 Pat Kell

Anniversaries

17 Brad & Babs Knudson
 19 Becky & Bill Foot



Altar Memorial Flowers for May

May 7

Chapel Church In thanksgiving for Clara and Reid ~ Catherine & Randy Johnson
 In memory of parents, Don and Beverly Prinz ~ Gail Hennek

May 14

Chapel Church In thanksgiving for parents, Ralph and Marie Nelson ~ Marilyn Potswald
 In memory of Jill Friedrich Root given by children Susie Kiker, David Root, Julie Root and Willie Root. ~ Julie A. Root

May 21

Chapel Church In memory of loved ones ~ Mr. & Mrs. Tom Danielson
 In thanksgiving for Alison, Ariel, and Alyssa ~ Annette Johnson

May 28

Chapel Church Mr. S.B. Foot I ~ Foot Memorial Fund
 In loving memory of Luella Stone ~ Jamie & Laura Teele



Please contact Maureen Blue to sign up for altar flowers for any time of the year. Phone 651-385-0574 or email: maureen-blue108@yahoo.com