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The Faithful Innovations Challenge

The Faithful Innovation challenge to congregations from Bishop Craig Loya, The Episcopal Church in Minnesota, 2022.

The good news of Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever. But how and where we gather, how we raise up new leaders and news ministries, the ways that we share the good news of Jesus with our neighbors, are always changing. In these days, our beloved old church is being radically reshaped by cultural forces beyond our control, by the disruption of the pandemic, by changing demographics, by ways that we connect with each other, and so much more.

Faithful Innovation is about joining the Spirit, by creating spaces for experiments, by planting new communities, by forming new partnerships between congregations, by reimagining what our buildings are for and how they are used. It is about discovering new ways of joining our neighbors and sharing the life-giving, liberating, and loving way of Jesus. I hope we can develop a culture of bold and courageous living, of being fearless in the face of failure; and following the Spirit in how that Spirit is reshaping us. Will you join the Spirit in bringing about what is new?

Dear Friends, I share this short but clear and powerful invitation from our bishop. The Episcopal Church in Minnesota is embarking on a commitment to faithful

innovation. I so appreciate our bishop’s clear-eyed view of the forces of change we face as a church. The way we have done church for decades is no longer working.

A commitment to faithful innovation isn’t about survival, rather it is about being open to transformation by the Holy Spirit for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ in this broken world.

This important work needs to be undergirded by spiritual practices drawn from our ancient tradition: prayer, scripture reading, worship, and community discernment which is listening to the Holy Spirit, one another, and the needs and longings of our neighbors.

We already have a “Faithful Innovation” team at Christ Church (Pat Martin, Angela Shefvland, Kathleen Malinchoc, and Tari Carpenter) who, as a cohort, are participating in diocesan training. They are working with a coach, and are planning some experiments for Christ Church in the coming months. Stay tuned.

Please pray daily for Christ Church during this of time of discernment and transition.

Blessings, Letha



Faithful Innovations Team

The CEC Faithful Innovations team has been meeting regularly for the past three months challenging ourselves to “dwell in the word”. It is not always easy but there really are no wrong answers. Just an invitation to share how the word of God is speaking through you. In the beginning, we challenged ourselves to find a way to reach beyond the walls of our church. We appreciate everyone that visited with us at Coffee Hour in September, walked with us in October and now we ask that you pray with us in November. The Faithful Innovations team is placing a Prayer Wall on the front lawn in time for the Holiday Stroll and will remain up through the Christmas season. Stay tuned for more information.

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

Ephesians 6:17-18



The **Oxyrhynchus hymn** is the earliest known manuscript of a Christian hymn to contain both lyrics and musical notation. The papyrus on which it is written dates from the end of the 3rd century AD. The hymn is written in ancient Greek and asks for the world to be silent as the singers celebrate God. The original papyrus can be visited at the Sackler Library in Oxford. You can listen to a version of it [here](#).



Community Engagement Team Notes

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

- **Minneapolis Veteran’s Hospital:** Let’s honor Veteran’s Day during the month of November by helping out homeless vets. They are in need of new underwear, t-shirts, warm socks, long underwear, sweatpants, and sweatshirts for both men and women in all sizes. Please keep the tags on. These may be dropped off in the Undies Sundays bin in the Parish Hall entryway.
- **Red Wing Area Food Shelf:** Let’s accept Letha’s challenge to spend 10% of our weekly food bill once a month on donations. In October, we gave 32 pounds of food to the food shelf.
- **Hope Coalition:** They would like travel size conditioners and lotions.
- **Coat Shed:** The new shed is now open and currently well stocked. It has been visited frequently by those needing warm clothing this fall.

Thank you for your generous donations.

Stewardship

It's that time of year, the leaves are falling and mother nature is preparing the ground for the winter months. We do our own preparing for winter making comfort meals and enjoying that famous pumpkin spice everything. We also give thanks this month for everything we have and what we give.

In order to keep our finances strong, we need your help with committing to an increase in your pledge to the church.

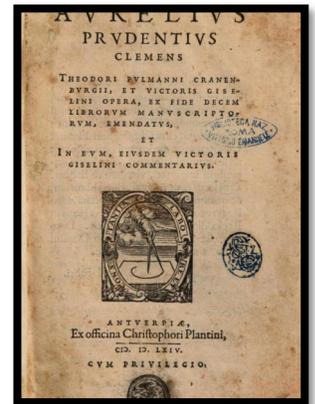
It also brings the time of the year where the vestry takes time to ask for your pledge and continued commitment to the mission of Christ Church. This upcoming year brings some changes which brings an additional need from our members. Our current priest-in-charge, Letha Wilson-Barnard, will be retiring at the end of the year and we are

in the search of a full-time priest. We will miss the leadership and guidance she has given us in these last three years.

Currently, Letha is with us on a part time basis and per your feedback, a full-time priest is being sought. This comes with an additional cost to the church. In order to keep our finances strong, we need your help with committing to an increase in your pledge to the church.

You will be receiving a pledge card and letter in the mail soon. Please review the letter and pledge card, fill it out, and return it in the envelope or bring it to church and place in the offering plate.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you and as generously as you can afford. (Sirach 35: 12)



[Aurelius Prudentius](#) (348 AD -413 AD) was an early Christian lawyer and poet who pursued poetry later in life. He wrote [“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”](#) in Latin as part of a book entitled “Hymnus Omnis Horae” (a hymn for all hours). Like many other early Christians trying to bring the religion to the mainstream, The hymn establishes central Christian beliefs.

November Youth News

Youth group has officially begun.

Last month we published that youth group would be Fridays. Because of feedback from the youth, this has been changed to **1st and 3rd Mondays from 4:30 - 6:00**. Food will be involved.

Additional opportunities this month at church are:

- **Nov 6** - First Sunday after church to experience storytelling with professional performer and storyteller, Emilia Seay Allen. She also happens to be the diocese Missioner for Communications.
- **Nov 18** - Third Friday Fun - Sign up on the bulletin board



Every Single One of Us by Vicki Jo Lambert



Although a popular song at Christmas time, “Joy to the World” (written in 1719) is actually about the return of Christ, rather than his birth. The writer, Isaac Watts, grew up in a religious family and loved poetry from a young age. After pursuing a religious life, he began to publish hundreds of hymns and received mixed reception as writing original Church music was not in fashion at the time. He based “Joy to the World” on Psalm 98, which details Christ’s second coming. In this way, the hymn looks to future events rather than past ones.

I realize sometimes that I am not “feeling it” when it comes to living an inspired life. I have wondered where I can hide from God because I have either said or done something foolish or not done something that I believe I needed to do. It is in those times that I feel unworthy. Have you ever felt like that? Then God finds me, and I realize I cannot hide from God. God travels into the thicket to pull me out; God crawls into the hole I dug for myself and lifts me up. God celebrates in the essence of me and every single one of us regardless of where we live, what we look like, or what our background is.

I invite us all to remember that all we are and all we have comes from God, belongs to God, is loved by God, can be given and offered and spent for the glory of God.

We all need a reminder that God is deeply in love with every single one of us. Not just humanity in general, but with you and with me.

From the beginning, God’s Spirit has been sweeping through the world seeking people to rejoice in belonging to God, whether they deserved it or not. And, in Jesus, God really did do something to turn the whole world upside down. The God of the universe came among us as a human named Jesus, who lived and died as one of us, stretched his arms out to us from the cross to welcome the lost, the uncertain, the confused. Every single one of us.



In Luke’s parable of The Lost Coin (Lk 15:8-10), we are the coins in the story, we are so precious to God that even just one is worth everything and cause for great celebration. We are God’s coins, and our lives are to be spent in the cause of seeking and finding and celebrating. Also, one coin doesn’t buy much, but together we are all stronger and have a lot of buying power. God doesn’t just tuck us away in some safe-deposit box. God says, Let’s have a party now.

Every day, I invite us all to remember that all we are and all we have comes from God, belongs to God, is loved by God, can be given and offered and spent for the glory of God. We offer our time, our talents, our money, and the produce of our hands and our minds in God’s service here, out in the neighborhood, and in the world. Our ministries are varied, and each one is valuable, each one is important to God, because even just one enables us to continue God’s loving work of seeking and finding and celebrating while bringing us closer together in community.

Even just one. Even just you. Even just me. Precious to God. Seek. Find. Celebrate. Together.

To sign up to bring the treats for coffee hour! Please go to our SignUpGenius page:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fada62fabff2-christ>

A Sunday with Catechesis of the Good Shepard



"Be Thou My Vision" was written in 700 CE in Ireland by an unknown author. It is a traditional Irish Catholic hymn written in Gaelic and later translated to English by Mary Byrne in the early 20th century. Later on, Eleanor Hull versified the poem for musical purposes, solidifying its role as a hymn. Many of the descriptions of God draw directly from Irish cultural practices, which teaches us about beliefs at the time.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

8 Michael Stelton
9 Amanda Johnson
17 Brianna Dressen
24 Caleb Dressen
Lynn Brown
Suzanne Simonson
25 Johnny Johnson

Anniversaries

11 Joyce and Bruce Koerner



"Shepherd of Tender Youth" is a Christian hymn credited to St. Clement of Alexandria. Written in 200 CE, it is one of the oldest Christian hymns to date, but historians have only uncovered the lyrics and not the music. As a result, different churches or singers have different versions of the song, depending on the tune they've chosen. St. Clement, who converted from paganism to Christianity, wrote the song for recent converts, using youth as a metaphor for their new roles as Christians.



Hok-si-la beach day for the children's Sunday School group.

Altar Flowers for November

November 6 Chapel **In loving memory of husband Larry and Karl & Gracie Anderson**
Barb Anderson

Church **In memory of Richard and Mabel Peterson, brother Richard and sister Jenny**
Suzanne Simonson

November 13 Chapel **In memory of Clyde and Marge Mabin**
Tari Carpenter
Church **In loving memory of Bob Richter**
Sandy Richter

November 20 Chapel **In loving memory of Fran and John Friedrich**
Char Friedrich
Church **In loving memory of Joe**
Pat Welke

November 27 Chapel **In loving memory of deceased Altar Guild members**
Christ Church Altar Guild
Church **In memory of mom, dad and grandmother**
Jessica Severson

There are some open dates for flowers on the altar. Please contact Maureen Blue if you want to sig up for a date. Phone 651-385-0574 or email: maureenblue108@yahoo.com

November 2022 Calendar and Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <i>Rite II</i> 8 am Christian Conv. 9 am <i>Rite II</i> 10 am Music	31	1	2 Chapel Service 10 am Hospitality 5:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm	3	4	5
6 All Saints Day First Sunday Potluck <i>Rite II</i> 8 am Christian Conv. 9 am <i>Rite II</i> 10 am Music	7 Junior Guild 12 noon Youth Group 4:30 pm	8 Election Day	9 Chapel Service 10 am Choir 6:30 pm	10 Suicide Prevention Group 7 pm	11	12 Bake Sale and Bazaar 9 am—2 pm
13 <i>Rite II</i> 8 am Christian Conv. 9 am <i>Rite II</i> 10 am Music	14	15 Property 5:30 pm	16 Chapel Service 10 am Choir 6:30 pm	17 MOPS 6:30 pm	18 Fun Night for All 5:30 pm	19 Community Engagement 10:30 am
20 <i>Rite II</i> 8:00 am Christian Conv. 9 am <i>Rite II</i> 10 am Music	21 Vestry-5pm Youth Group 4:30 pm	22 Altar Guild 4:45pm	23 Chapel Service 10 am Choir 6:30 pm	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 The First Sunday of Advent <i>Rite II</i> 8 am Christian Conv. 9 am <i>Rite II</i> 10 am Music	28	29	30 Chapel Service 10 am Choir 6:30pm	1	2	3

Every Sunday: **November Christian Conversations** 9:00 am.

First Sunday Potluck: After 10 am service

Choir Rehearsal: Nov 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30—6:30 pm

Junior Guild: Nov. 7—12 noon

Hospitality Committee: Nov. 2—5:30 pm

Youth Group: Nov. 7 & 21—4:30 pm

Community Engagement: Nov. 19 —10:30 am

Vestry: Nov. 21— 5:00 pm

Fun for All Night: Nov 18 —5:30 pm

Altar Guild: Nov 22 —4:45 pm

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, November 6

- **All Saints Sunday with the High and Rising Blue Grass Band**
- **Emilia Seay Allen** at 11:30 a.m. will guide us in fun exercises that will help us find and share our stories about the saints in our own lives.

Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m.—2 p.m. All Church Bazaar and Bake Sale.

Everyone is invited to participate by donating items or by shopping at the Bazaar.

Friday, November 18, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Friday Fun Thanksgiving Dinner and Cards

All are welcome to join in! A Thanksgiving dinner, hosted by the Children's Christian Formation and afterwards, card games!

Upcoming Christian Conversations and Other Events

**All Saints Sunday, November 6, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services
First Sunday @ 10 a.m.**

- Holy Baptism, with a blue grass band, High & Rising, providing music.
- A potluck follows (please bring something to share).
- **11:30-12:45, a Story Telling workshop** by storyteller, actor, and director of communications for the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, Emilia Seay Allen. Please come and invite friends. This should be fun.
- **Quilting Circle**, led by Elaine Hoisington.

Christian Conversations in November: Sundays, 9-9:45 a.m.

- ♦ 11/6: none (participate in the First Sunday activities after 10 a.m. service)
- ♦ 11/13: Stewardship at Christ Church & 2023 Budget Conversation with Wardens
- ♦ 11/20: Overview of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for children, Heather Flueger

- ♦ 11/27: Bishop Loya's Convention address and a discussion. Led by Letha

Holiday Stroll: November 25, 4-6 p.m.

Christmas Caroling around a firepit on the front lawn, on the hour, 4 p.m., 5 p.m., & 6 p.m. Open House of church & chapel, 4-6:30 p.m. Volunteers needed to welcome visitors, and to some to support caroling and tend the fire pit.

Vicki Lambert's Ordination to the Diaconate,

God willing, Vicki will be ordained as a deacon, on **Friday, 12/9 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Cathedral, Minneapolis.** We have reserved a coach bus to provide transportation to and from the Cathedral. The bus will leave Christ Church, Red Wing, around 4:15 p.m. and return sometime after 9 p.m. The bus can accommodate 48 passengers. The RT fee is \$20 per person. Contact Letha if you need a scholarship. Please sign up on the bulletin board to reserve your spot; the fee will be collected on 12/9. Let's fill the bus and support Vicki!

Volunteer opportunities:

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



"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" was written by Ambrose of Milan in 390 CE. Ambrose was an early Italian Christian. He was a strong advocate for Christianity throughout the Roman Empire and used his song writing to express his beliefs. It was originally written in Latin and asks Christ to provide divine guidance.

Join Emilia Seay Allen, Story Teller

On Sunday, November 6 from 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall, join Emilia Seay Allen, actor, storyteller, and director of communications of our diocese, for a time of storytelling and story-listening on All Saints Sunday, November 6th, at 11:30 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 321 West Ave., Red Wing, Parish Hall. Free and all welcome.

Emilia will guide us in fun exercises that will help us find and share our stories about the saints in our own lives—no 'performing' needed



All Church Bazaar and Bake Sale

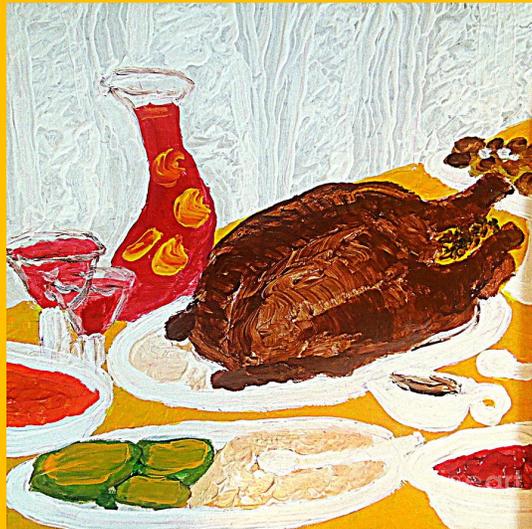
Saturday, November 12 from 9 am – 2 pm

Pecans will be for sale in one pound bags. They cost \$12 a bag.

Call Marilyn Potswald to order (385-8025)

They will be available for pick up at the sale.

Friday Fun Night Thanksgiving Dinner and Cards



Hosted by the Children's Christian Formation—Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

November 18th 5:00pm-8:00pm

- **ALL 0-100 years** are welcome
- Hosted by Children's Christian Formation
- Cards for **ALL 0-100 years**: Euchre, kings corner, 500, crazy 8, go fish, bridge, garbage, gin rummy....

Please RSVP - sign-up on the hallway bulletin board or call Deborah at church 651-388-0411