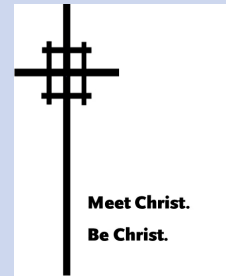


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### From the Rector



**The Rev.  
Randy W. Johnson**

**Rector**

#### **Wonder of Wonders; Miracle of Miracles** *by Fr. Randy+*

We are now moving into the season of the days following Pentecost—remember the day when we hear the story recounting Jesus' disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit. There are two accountings of this miraculous story—one in John's gospel and the other in Acts 2.

In John 20, the disciples are gathered together behind locked doors, as they were afraid that those same people who put Jesus to death might now be after them. Without warning or using the door, Jesus appears in the room and is standing among them. *"Peace be with you,"* he says. He shows them the marks in his hands and side, wounds from his crucifixion. Jesus then breathes on them, and says, *"Receive the Holy Spirit."* Finally, along with the commission to go into the world, granting them the power of forgive people's sins, or to refuse them forgiveness. It is a placid and gentle meeting—terrifying, but not overwhelming.

The second narrative in Luke's version of this day in Acts, it happens many days later, after Jesus' ascension into heaven. There is nothing gentle or soothing about this story. Jesus' friends and disciples are gathered in a room,

praying and waiting for the gift of “power” that Jesus has promised them (Acts 1:8). Suddenly, they are overwhelmed by “a sound like the rush of a violent wind.” I can only imagine that sound—much like we have experienced in the path of a tornado or hurricane or blizzard—terrifying, indeed! And that was not enough! They see “divided tongues, as of fire” appearing on each other’s heads and they begin speaking in other languages, testifying about God’s mighty deeds of power in languages they had never learned!

*I mean, that’s crazy, right? Imagine the chaos. What am I saying? How is this happening? It must be a miracle!*



It’s not surprising that the resultant cacophony of each of these wild events draw a crowd. The people who witness this event are amazed and probably a little bit frightened by the spectacle. They likely make their way to the focal place in their lives—the Temple—where the enemies of Jesus and his followers are no doubt gathered. But with the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples and followers are absolutely *fearless!* The power of the Holy Spirit and the words spoken in eloquent testimony to the power and goodness of God are unstoppable—over three thousand persons are joined to the Church that day.

*Wonder of Wonders; Miracle of Miracles!* There are two miracles here—and I’m not referring to the sound of the rushing wind, or the tongues of fire, or the speaking in different languages. The first is that the Church has begun to testify out in the world, and the second is that the world responds with repentance and faith. *God is at work!*

*People are no longer afraid! They cannot be hushed! There is a fiery urgency in their proclamation!*

And, what is our proper response as we bear witness to this Pentecost? That same message has a powerful, life-changing effect on all of us who hear it. “*What shall we do?*” How can we experience what the disciples and the early followers of Jesus experienced? What can we do to be similarly transformed, to be made strong and to be filled with a passionate love for the Most High? Well—we’re generally not *that* adventurous most of the time; we don’t like *not* being in control; and we appreciate a quiet, calm, and orderly atmosphere. *We are Episcopalians, after all.*

And yet, perhaps, I believe we need a good windstorm to shake things up. We could use some stirring up, if we hope influence our generation and those around us. Do we *DARE* to ask God to pour out the Holy Spirit on each of us and on the Church with *power and might*, as God did for these early believers? Would we have the courage to pray God to *unleash the Spirit* on us, even if it leads to chaos and disorder? Would we be willing for God to set us *afloat* with passion for the Gospel?

Is it risky? You bet! Do we DARE?

*"The Spirit blows where it will."* There's really no telling what will happen if we DARE to ask. Randy+

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# PRIDE

# EVENSONG

4:00 p.m.

June 9



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*Join St. Christopher's Choir for the ancient tradition of evensong at the end of the day, to offer prayers, praises, and thanksgivings to the God who gives us life. This year, our musical offerings represent just a few of the many LGBTQ+ composers from the 20th and 21st centuries. Throughout history, there have always been gifted artists and musicians living in closets, whose art would likely have been rejected had the truth about them been known. Sadly, there are still some who closely guard their privacy for that very reason. In our service this year, we are proud to champion the hard won freedoms celebrated in Pride events all over the world. Invite your friends and neighbors, too!*

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**Footprints JUNE 2024**  
**News from Children's Ministries**





**Marion Hunner**

**Children's Ministries Director**

**Pentecost Presentation** - We finished out our program year with a special presentation about Pentecost on May 12. The children told the story of Pentecost, and then led the adults through a craft. Our craft used shaving cream and paint to retell the story and create doves which were used as decoration on Pentecost. Once we were finished with the craft, Fr. Randy let the kids each give him a pie of shaving cream in the face!

**Lenten Calendar Project** - Many thanks to everyone who supported our Lenten Calendar project. We collected just shy of \$200 and had a matching grant from the Mission Opportunity Fund. Following our Pentecost presentation, the kids had a lively discussion about which items from the Heifer International catalog they would like to donate. I was very impressed with how they worked together, kept a tally, and spent exactly \$400.

**Blessing of the Wheels** - On Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have a Blessing of the Wheels following the 9:30 service. Bring your bikes, rollerblades, skateboards, or anything else with wheels! (Cars, too!)

**ECMN Camps** – ECMN is offering both Youth Camp (June 23-27) and Family Camp (July 28-Aug 1). Click here for more information.

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## **Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School 2024**

*Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve God*

**July 15-19 9 am-noon**

Invite your family and friends! We are collaborating with St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church, so we hope to have lots of new friends to meet! If you would like a postcard to share with someone, they are on the Hero Hotline bulletin board outside Marion's office – help yourself!



**Parent/Child Option** - you may attend with a child who is 3 or younger for a fun shared experience. 3-year-olds who are potty trained may attend with a parent or independently depending on their comfort level.

**Participants** are age 3 – 5th or 6th grade

**Youth Volunteers** have *completed* 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**Adult Volunteers** are . . . well, older than that! Please let me know if you are interested.

## Hearts and Hands

The Hearts and Hands folks would like to thank the Parish for their recent participation in the collection for Bridging. We delivered **3 car loads** of the items collected. Our donations will surely help a number of the Bridging clients. Well done!

Also, thanks to the help of the Parish, we packed over **400** packets of cookies for Minneapolis Community Kitchens at our May meeting. Below are pictures of a couple of the meals that included our cookies.



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## Green Team Update

Recycling is something everyone understands. The plastics, paper and bottles go in one bin and the trash in another bin. Simple, right? But which plastics? Is it the 1s, 2s, and 3s or the 2s, 4s, and 5s or the... (In Roseville it's the 1s, 2s and 5s.) And what about paper and bottles?

Ramsey County has a great resource page on their website:  
[www.ramseyrecycles.com](http://www.ramseyrecycles.com).

It tells you exactly what can and cannot be recycled. Here at St. Christopher's, we too can do our part. There are recycling bins in several locations and we encourage everyone to use them. We also take part in the county organics composting program. Food scraps and other compostable items such as paper towels can be put in the small green buckets in the kitchen instead of going in the trash. If you have any questions or ideas about recycling, feel free to reach out to one of the Green Team members.

The Giving Garden has been planted. If you'd like to help weed, water and harvest vegetables, talk to Jeff Jensen or a Green Team member. Everyone is welcome.

-The Green Team

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## Vestry Shorts

Vestry Notes from the **May 20** meeting:

The Green Team has started planting the Giving Garden.

The 75th Anniversary committee earned \$760 from the May 19 pancake breakfast.

Mission Opportunity Funding Grant. Karen Hartman submitted a grant request for \$200 to repair the Giving Garden fence. The vestry approved.

Kathy Ackerman submitted a request from Ross Ackerman to use funds from the ECMN COVID Grant to purchase a second camera for streaming services. We could have used a second camera at a recent baptism. A second camera would also be useful for views of the lectern. One of the stated goals for the ECMN grant was to enhance the quality of our live streamed services. The vestry approved.

Kathy Ackerman commented on the EMMA (East Metro Ministry Area) meeting on May 18. Bishop Loya encouraged collaboration between congregations. There was a good exchange of ideas among EMMA members.

This year's VBS at St. Christopher's will include families from St. John in the Wilderness.

The vestry discussed other ideas for collaboration. This included announcing our June 9 Evensong to other EMMA congregations.

Shout Outs:

We want to shout out to multiple groups who helped our facility look good for our guests from EMMA. This includes:

People who helped move furniture to allow the carpet cleaners to work.

Gardeners who tended the flower gardens around the building.

People who helped set up for the EMMA meeting and helped serve lunch.

Shout Out to these who hung banners and streamers to make the nave look festive on Pentecost.

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## JUNE Calendar

### **1 Saturday**

**2:30 PM Cello Recital** – Church, Parish Hall (reception) – to 5 PM

### **2 Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pentecost**

**9:30 AM Holy Eucharist** – Church

**10:30 AM Blessing of the Wheels** – Outside North Entry

**10:30 AM Fellowship**

**1 PM GSVLOC** – Parish Hall – to 5 PM

### **3 Monday**

**3:30 PM Cello Lessons** - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM

**4 Tuesday**

*2 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6 PM*

*7 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Outdoors or Parish Hall*

**5 Wednesday**

**12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Church**

*1:15 PM Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 2:30 PM*

*4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:15 PM*

**6:30 PM** Conversation with Robin Monahan – Parish Hall

**6:30 PM** Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

**7:15 PM** Parish Choir – Music Room

**6 Thursday**

*10 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 11 AM*

**3:30 PM** Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

**7 Friday**

**2:45 PM** Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:45 PM

**8 Saturday****9 Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> Pentecost**

**9:30 AM Holy Eucharist – Church**

**10:30 AM** Fellowship

**4 PM** Pride Evensong – Church

**10 Monday**

**10 AM** 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – Gathering Room

**3:30 PM** Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM

**6:30 PM** Senior Cello Recital – Church – Reception in Gathering Room

**11 Tuesday**

**8 AM** Roseville Bike Planning – Parish Hall – to 12 PM

**10:30 AM** Meals on Wheels - Offsite

**2 PM** Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6 PM

**7 PM** Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Outdoors or Parish Hall

**12 Wednesday**

**10:30 AM** Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 11:30 AM

**12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Church**

**4 PM** Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:15 PM

**6:30 PM** Wednesday AA – Gathering Room

**13 Thursday**

**3:30 PM** Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM

**14 Friday**

**2:45 PM** Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:45 PM

**15 Saturday**

**9 AM** Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 10 AM

**3 PM** Jo Wright Funeral – Church

**4 PM** Reception – Parish Hall

**16 Sunday – 4<sup>th</sup> Pentecost**

**9:30 AM Holy Eucharist – Church**

**10:30 AM Fellowship**

**17 Monday**

**3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM**

**5:30 PM Finance Committee – Parish Hall**

**6:45 PM Vestry – Parish Hall**

**18 Tuesday**

**9 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 10 AM**

**10 AM Tuesday OA – Room #218**

**2 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6 PM**

**7 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Outdoors or Parish Hall**

**19 Wednesday**

**12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Church**

**4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:15 PM**

**6:30 PM Wednesday AA – Gathering Room**

**20 Thursday**

**10:30 AM Hearts & Hands – Parish Hall**

**3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM**

**21 Friday**

**2:45 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:45 PM**

**22 Saturday**

**9 AM Private Spiritual Direction – Library – to 10 AM**

**23 Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> Pentecost**

**9:30 AM Holy Eucharist – Church**

**10:30 AM Fellowship**

**24 Monday**

**3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:30 PM**

**25 Tuesday**

**2 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6 PM**

**7 PM Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band – Outdoors or Parish Hall**

**26 Wednesday**

**12:15 PM Holy Eucharist – Church**

**4 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:15 PM**

**6:30 PM Wednesday AA – Gathering Room**

**27 Thursday**

**3:30 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 7:15 PM**

**28 Friday**

**2:45 PM Cello Lessons - #218/219 – to 6:45 PM**



**29 Saturday**

**30 Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> Pentecost**

**9:30 AM Holy Eucharist – Church**

**10:30 AM Fellowship**

Please note that most of our outside groups have returned to meeting in the building. Those groups are now on this calendar (*in italics*) to avoid over-scheduling. **ALWAYS check** with the church office before scheduling a meeting.

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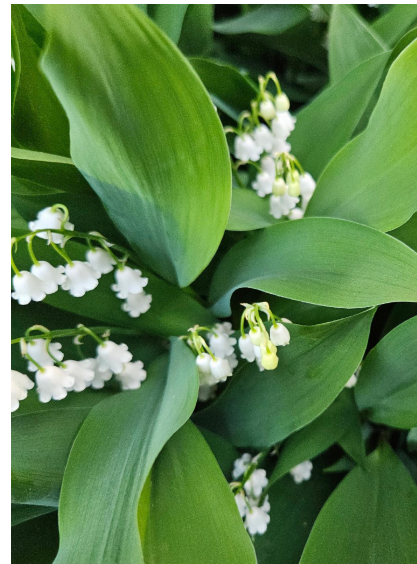
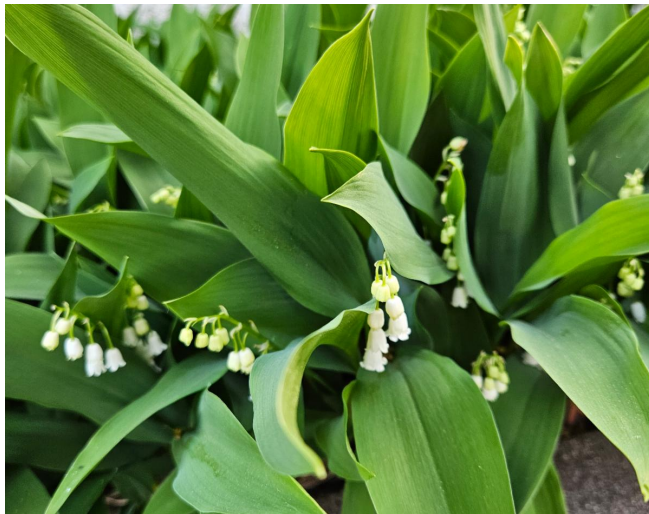


## Last Words

I hope you have enjoyed the June *e-Traveler!*

Here are my Lilies of the Valley - mostly reaching their full bloom before Memorial Day. I must have missed the fairies singing and the bells ringing. Maybe next year!

Ruth Thillen  
Parish Administrator



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Marion Hunner, Children's Ministries Director  
Karla S. Cole, Director of Music Ministries  
Rev. Christopher Haack, Deacon  
Rev. Marilyn Baldwin, Assisting Priest

Rev. Randy W. Johnson, Rector

## **Our Schedule:**

*Recorded Sermons for each Sunday are on our website.*

### **Sundays through September 8:**

**9:30 AM Holy Eucharist**

10:30 AM Fellowship

**Wednesday: 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist** in the Sanctuary

### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM

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