



# The Crier

## March 2008

### Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday - 8:00 & 10:30**

**Maundy Thursday Liturgy - 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday**

**Liturgy - 12:00 noon**

**Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday - 8:00 & 10:30**

**breakfast between services**

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## Reflections from Tom

### Sunday Service

8:00 am Eucharist  
9:15 am Adult Education  
9:45 am Child/Youth Education  
10:30 am Eucharist



Ministers **All Parish Members**  
Priest **The Rev. Thomas Eklo**  
Deacon **The Rev. Judy Conn**  
Senior Warden **Todd Oliverius**  
Junior Warden **Martha Chambers**  
Director of Music **Charlotte Grantier**  
Crier Editor **Kathy Cummings**



### Vestry Members

**Pam Banks**                      **Alfred Jaryan**  
**Ed Kariuki**                     **Dick Kohout**  
**Tom McConnell**              **Bill Mills**  
**Helen Mudgett**               **Victor Owuor**

Treasurer **Rich Makela**  
Vestry Clerk **Jill Aicher**

Holy Week comes very early this year. It is, of course, based upon the dating of Easter which is about as early as it can possibly be. Most of you know that the dating of Easter is based upon a lunar calendar rather than a solar calendar. The formula is not as complex as it sounds. Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon that follows the vernal equinox. This year, the vernal equinox is March 20<sup>th</sup>. The full moon is March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Sunday following the 21<sup>st</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup> is Easter Sunday. There are those who argue for a fixed day or a fixed Sunday for Easter in the Christian calendar, like there is for Christmas, All Saints Day, etc. There has always been resistance to that movement, however, because Easter tends to be connected in one way or another with the Jewish celebration of Passover. It is generally believed that Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover celebration when he was arrested, tried, and crucified. The Christian Easter and the Jewish Passover typically coincide. This year is an exception to the rule. Passover begins at sundown on the eve of the full moon in April.

Holy Week is the culmination of our Lenten observance as a people who have chosen to follow the Christ. The liturgies of Holy Week can be very powerful liturgies. They are powerful because they call for us to participate once again in the events of that fateful week. It is my hope that you will be a part of our community as we participate in the remembering of those events that would change our lives and the world for all time.

Palm Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30, we will begin in the gathering space with the Liturgy of the Palms. We will process with our palms into the sanctuary to the wonderful hymn "All Glory Laud and Honor", but notice how quickly the mood changes in the liturgy as we read the passion narrative.

The liturgy of Maundy Thursday will begin at 7:00 PM. This year we will again be doing foot washing as a part of our liturgy. It is a Maundy Thursday practice within many churches and one that can be meaningful for those who choose to participate. At the very end of the service we will strip the altar, darken the church, and leave in silence as we prepare for Good Friday.

On Good Friday at 12:00 Noon, we once again read the passion narrative and pray the solemn collects, which is really Jesus' prayer for the world. Communion is served from the reserve sacrament as we once again leave in silence to await the promise of Easter.

On Good Friday in the evening (7:00 PM), we will be doing a special service of the Stations of the Cross. This service of the stations gives particular emphasis upon reminding us that we continue to carry the cross of calling forth justice and non-violence in our world today. It is a very unique and meaningful rendition of the stations. Stations will be set up throughout the church building and we will be moving from station to station as we worship. Most who attended this liturgy last year found it to be a challenging, yet very moving experience.

Easter services will be at 8:00 and 10:30 with breakfast served between the two services. The glory of Easter surrounds us with its color, its music, its "alleluia's" as we once again celebrate the meaning of Christ's resurrection as Christian people.

A blessed Holy Week and a joyous Easter to each and every one of you!

Tom



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## Spring Flower and Plant Sale



### Easter Flowers

It will soon be time to order flowers for the Easter services in thanksgiving or in

memory of a loved one. We will have sign-up sheets for a lily or tulip at both services — March 2nd and March 9th.



This is the month to begin thinking about our summer patio and garden plantings. What will be your color scheme? What events or parties do you have coming up? How do you dream your garden will look? Do you wish to attract butterflies this year? Do you want to try planting something new this year?

Check out our order sheet in this Crier edition. We have annuals, lush hanging baskets and patio pots to order. This year we are again offering some popular perennials and shrub roses which are especially hardy and have been developed for our Minnesota climate.

Orders can either be dropped off at church (place in the flowered box in the church office) or mailed. Payment needs to accompany all orders. Drop or mail them to reach St. Nicholas before March 31, 2008. Pick up date this year is the Saturday before Mother's Day, May 10, 2008 after 1:00 PM, in the church parking lot.

## March is Minnesota Food Share Month



The March Campaign raises over half of the food distributed at food shelves all year long. The best way our congregation can help is to donate money. VEAP has the ability to purchase food at better prices than we can, so your dollar will go much further. Please make checks out to St. Nicholas Church with VEAP on the memo line and we will send a large (hopefully) check to VEAP at the end of March. If an item donation is the way you would like to contribute:

Current Food Shelf Needs:

Food:

Spaghetti sauce, Peanut butter, Tomato soup, Rice, Tuna, Canned meat products, Cereal, Juice, Coffee and Tea, Dry beans, Cooking oil, Sugar

Baby supplies:

Infant formula (especially Enfamil Lipil with Iron), Baby food, Diapers

Personal care items: (food stamps cannot be used for hygiene items)

Bar soap, Toilet paper, Shampoo, Laundry detergent, Feminine hygiene

## Those who need our prayers....

Tom Frick  
Ted & Mavis Spernick  
Katari Mischow  
Gayle Ticen's sister, Shirley Hagenbuch  
Jamie Oliverius' grandmother, Roxie Stanbro  
For peace and vision among the people of Kenya

Jill Aicher  
Betty Cope  
Janet Jackson

Laurice Anderson  
Jean Ogden  
Sue Bennitt  
Marilyn Thomasson  
Todd Oliverius' sister, Daphine Gilmore  
and the Men and Women of our Armed Forces



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## Word Search Puzzle

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Words are in a straight line left to right or top to bottom

L A Y C L O T H I N G O F G O I N G N S  
 I K N O W G A L I L E E A N G E L A R A  
 K A F R A I D S T O N E A H E A D P S I  
 E J E S U S G W A S R O L L E D I P V D  
 U M T O A F R O M E S S A G E T H E M Y  
 B A H I N D E E D F E A R T H Q U A K E  
 L T I T D E A D E S C E N D I N G R R Q  
 O T S E N O T O G U A R D S M Y D A Y U  
 R H A L I G H T N I N G F I R S T N D I  
 D E T L J W O M E N S H O O K O P C I C  
 L W B W O R S H I P E D R T H E R E S K  
 O L A T Y B R O T H E R S A F T E R C L  
 O E C O M E S D A W N I N G W E E K I Y  
 K F K M T H A T S A B B A T H E Y T P W  
 I T H B W I L L C R U C I F I E D H L E  
 N Y O U W H E R E E R A I S E D B E E N  
 G F L T W I T H A S B E C A M E T N S T  
 W E D S U D D E N L Y W H I T E T O O K  
 H E A V E N S N O W Z G R E E T I N G S  
 O T M A G D A L E N E P L A C E M A R Y

(Matthew 28:1-10) After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. {2} And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. {3} His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. {4} For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. {5} But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. {6} He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. {7} Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” {8} So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. {9} Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. {10} Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” (NRSV)

### Word List

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|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| EARTHQUAKE | DESCENDING | APPEARANCE | WORSHIPED | MAGDALENE |
| LIGHTNING  | GREETINGS  | DISCIPLES  | CRUCIFIED | SUDDENLY  |
| CLOTHING   | BROTHERS   | SABBATH    | QUICKLY   | MESSAGE   |
| MATTHEW    | LOOKING    | GALILEE    | DAWNING   | ROLLED    |
| RAISED     | INDEED     | HEAVEN     | GUARDS    | BECAME    |
| AFRAID     | WOMEN      | WHITE      | WHERE     | THERE     |
| STONE      | SHOOK      | PLACE      | JESUS     | GREAT     |
| GOING      | FIRST      | ANGEL      | AHEAD     | AFTER     |
| WITH       | WILL       | WENT       | WEEK      | TOOK      |
| TOMB       | THIS       | THEY       | THEN      | THEM      |
| THAT       | TELL       | SNOW       | SAID      | NRSV      |



## ST. NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA



### Vestry Minutes, January 10, 2008

**Members present:** Tom Eklo, Martha Chambers, Helen Mudgett, Todd Oliverius, Sharon Mills, Arthur Finnell, Ed Kariuki, and Pam Banks. Rich Makela and Dick Kohout were also present.

**Members absent:** Victor Owuor, Alfred Jaryan, and Barb McConnell

**Opening Prayer:** Tom opened the meeting with prayer

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Pam to approve the November minutes as written. The motion carried.

**Finance Report:** Rich reported on our finances. We are approximately \$73 below budget for our income contributions, and our total income is \$2,468 ahead of budget. Rich pointed out that the rent income from the Needlework Guild helped to boost our total income. Total expenses to date are \$129,060 which is \$2,345 less than budget. A **motion to accept the finance report as presented** was made by Todd and seconded by Helen. The motion carried.

Rich then presented the 2008 Operating Budget to the Vestry. The amount budgeted for our Target Operating Income is \$134,200; and the amount budgeted for our Total Operating Expense is \$146,002, which leaves us with a deficit budget for the year 2008. A **motion to accept the 2008 Operating Budget as presented** was made by Helen and seconded by Todd. The motion carried.

#### Old Business

##### Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 27, one service is scheduled which will be a 9 a.m. Immediately following the service at 10 a.m. the congregation is invited to the Fireplace Room for a continental breakfast which will be followed by the annual meeting.

##### Tom's Installation

Tom reminded everyone that his installation service will be held on Thursday, January 17 at 7 p.m. Immediately following there will be a reception in the Fireplace Room

#### New Business:

##### Regional 8 Meeting

Arthur advised that delegates and alternates for all churches in Minneapolis & Richfield will have a Regional Meeting on January 15 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mark's Cathedral in the Fireside Room. The meeting will revolve around the new initiatives passed at convention to see how churches can be more collaborative.

##### Tom's Comments:

Tom explained the "My Prayer for St. Nicholas Church" card. The cards will be passed out at both services on Sunday, January 13, and parishioners will be asked to write their prayer for St. Nicholas Church before leaving the church on Sunday. These cards will then be presented as part of the process when gifts are presented at his installation service.

Tom also provided everyone with a copy of the new mission statement for St. Nicholas which was created by the Vision Team which reads as follows: **St. Nicholas is a welcoming community, energized by the Spirit, and empowered to do God's work in the world.** The new mission statement will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Finally, Tom thanked the four outgoing Vestry members: Arthur Finnell, Barb McConnell, Sharon Mills, and Helen Mudgett for their great contributions to this Vestry, noting that they have been very helpful members of this board, and he sincerely and deeply appreciates their gifts to this faith community.

##### Next Vestry Meeting/New Members

Todd indicated that the next Vestry meeting will be either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of February. He is currently checking out a location.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Aicher, Vestry Clerk

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Mar 2</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Education - Adult 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Eucharist	<i>Mar 3</i>	<i>Mar 4</i>	<i>Mar 5</i> 7:30 PM Choir	<i>Mar 6</i> 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom	<i>Mar 7</i> 10:00 AM Lenten Series	<i>Mar 8</i>
<i>Mar 9</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Education - Adult 9:30 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Christian Education - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist	<i>Mar 10</i>	<i>Mar 11</i> 7:00 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Vestry	<i>Mar 12</i> 7:30 PM Choir	<i>Mar 13</i>	<i>Mar 14</i> 10:00 AM Adventures on Spirituality	<i>Mar 15</i> 9:30 AM Choir Practice Crier deadline
<i>Mar 16</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Education - Adult 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Eucharist Palm Sunday	<i>Mar 17</i> St. Patrick's Day	<i>Mar 18</i>	<i>Mar 19</i> 7:30 PM Choir	<i>Mar 20</i> 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Eucharist Spring begins	<i>Mar 21</i> 12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross Good Friday	<i>Mar 22</i> 9:30 AM Choir Practice
<i>Mar 23</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:00 AM All Parish Easter Brunch 10:30 AM Eucharist Easter	<i>Mar 24</i>	<i>Mar 25</i>	<i>Mar 26</i> 7:30 PM Choir	<i>Mar 27</i>	<i>Mar 28</i> 10:00 AM Adventures on Spirituality	<i>Mar 29</i> 12:00 PM Free Lunch
<i>Mar 30</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Education - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Education - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist	<i>Mar 31</i>	<i>Apr 1</i> April Fool's Day	<i>Apr 2</i> 7:30 PM Choir	<i>Apr 3</i> 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom	<i>Apr 4</i> 10:00 AM Adventures on Spirituality	<i>Apr 5</i>
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## Birthdays

4 Kay Popko  
Nicholas Hoyle  
6 Gene Huber  
9 Mary Phyllis Meyer  
14 Bill Mills  
15 Peter Thompson  
17 Cleo Morical  
Mike Mudgett  
Karla Wherland  
18 Jasen Lasserud  
19 Karen Bessler  
Ken Cummings

## Anniversary

21 Mary Bolen  
22 Mavis Spernick  
23 Ethel Lyon  
30 Gary Rosen  
31 Dorothy Reese  
Maxine Parsons  
8 Shannon & Jim Hedren