



**ST. NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA



# The Crier May 2008

Sunday, May 18



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Farewell to Christopher Haack  
Cycle Blessing

Sunday, May 25

begin summer service schedule  
9:00 am Eucharist

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## 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**  
**Andrea Oliverius**              **Debi Tsuchiya**

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

# Reflections from Tom

It has been a long winter. It seems that everyone I conversed with during the first half of April had tired of the incessant cycle of somewhat warmer days only to have those hopes dashed by yet another round of snow that served as a reminder that winter was not all that ready to give up its grip on our lives in this part of God's kingdom. What is interesting about all of this is that the winter past resembled a more typical or average winter than our experience of winter over the past several years, and we were not too happy about that. How quickly we forget.

As I write this article, that cycle seems to have been finally broken. The sun finally wins out once again. Things are beginning to change. The grass is finally beginning to green up. The buds on the trees and bushes are getting a little thicker. The perennials are beginning to break the soil as they welcome the warmth of a late April sun, And I, like most of you, experienced the first thunderstorm of the season – delightful!! May is a month of change, and nature dictates a reality that seems to permeate much of our busy lives. We begin planning for times at the lake or time for vacation. School begins to wind down. There is light at the end of the tunnel. We get out the bicycle, plant flowers, stoke up the grill, and think of those long evenings of twilight that keep us outdoors as much as possible.

May is a full month at the church as well, and it reflects some of that same sense of change. Because of the early dating of Easter this year, Pentecost Sunday is the 11<sup>th</sup> of May. We gather to celebrate what some consider to be the birth of the church, the gathering of disciples and followers of Jesus who are changed by the coming of the Spirit, a wind that abruptly blows into their lives and infuses them with the energy to move out into the world proclaiming the good news of Christ. It is an extraordinary event, but the message is clear. It is the Spirit of God that gives us life. It is the Spirit of God that gives us the courage and the passion to move out into the world of our own day as followers of the Christ.

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, is Trinity Sunday. It will be the last Sunday that Christopher Haack will be with us. He will be our preacher for the day, and it will be

a day to celebrate and give thanks for his ministry in our midst over the past year. Secondly, it will be the Sunday that the children will lead us in song, the reading of Scripture, and tell us what they have learned in chapel over the past year. If you were here for that event last year, you know – it is not to be missed. Thirdly, we are going to have a blessing of cycles between the services on that Sunday. Motorcycles and bicycles (and their riders) will be blessed. It will be outside, so pray for sunshine, bring your cycle, and be a part of this unique blessing.

On Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day weekend), we begin our summer schedule of a single service at 9 AM. As we did last summer, we will celebrate Eucharist from the smaller, movable altar. We will return to a more contemporary Eucharistic Prayer, and all of our service music, though probably familiar, will once again change for the season. Summer worship is wonderful as we all gather together during this season as one congregation. It is my prayer that you will be a part our gathering whenever you are able to do so.

I give thanks to God for your lives and your ministry.

Blessings,  
Tom



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## Cycle Blessing

On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, there is going to be a blessing of every conceivable cycle you can imagine. Bring your motorcycle, your tandem bicycle, your mountain bike, your recumbent cycle, your tricycle on that Sunday and have it and yourself blessed before heading out onto the highways, byways and pathways of life. The blessing will take place at 9:30 between the services in the north parking lot of the church. If you've got wheels (other than your car), come and be a part of the blessing.

## Summer Schedule

The summer worship schedule this year begins Memorial Day weekend. Beginning Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we will return to a single service on Sundays through the summer months. The single service time will be 9 A.M. The summer schedule gives the 8 o'clock folk (and the Rector) an extra hour of sleep, and the 10:30 folk a chance to go out for breakfast after church. It's a win-win. On a more serious note, it gives us the unique opportunity to worship together as a whole, rejoicing in our common commitment to be a part of this community that we love and serve. Make a commitment to come and be a part of our worship experience this summer when you are able to do so.

## Christopher Haack's Last Sunday

Christopher Haack's time with us as a Deacon intern will come to a close on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. On that Sunday, we will celebrate Christopher's time with us. We give thanks for his presence, his teaching and preaching, and his assistance with the liturgies of the parish. We especially give thanks for his gentle spirit and the connections he has made with so many of the parish. We will miss him. So we will gather as a community to give him thanks and blessing as he moves on to serve the larger church. God willing and the people's consent, he will be ordained a Permanent Deacon in the church at an ordination service sometime early this summer at St. Mark's Cathedral.



## Warm-Up The Space!

At their March meeting, the Vestry accepted a proposal to "Warm-Up The Space" of the fireplace room.

We give thanks to Jerry Black (Barb McConnell's father) for his generous donation of a gas insert for the fireplace in memory of his wife, Lucy. The unit was installed April 17, and warmed up the space for dessert and fellowship following the contemplative service on April 18.

We give thanks to all the bakers, buyers and helpers at the Bake Sale on April 20. We raised \$428. We have plans to buy an area rug for in front of the fireplace, purchase fabric for wall hangings, and paint the ceiling and walls.

We give thanks to Stephen Ingerson for the creative expertise he shared with his suggestions for paint colors for the room. He also described ways to express architectural interest ar warmth in our long, narrow room. We can hardly wait to see the end result!

Watch for future fund-raising activities for the additional monies needed.



## Our family & friends who need our prayers....

Tom Frick  
Ted & Mavis Spernick  
Sue Bennitt  
Todd Oliverius' sister, Daphine Gilmore  
For peace and vision among the people of Kenya

Jill Aicher  
Betty Cope  
John Buckley

Laurice Anderson  
Jean Ogden  
Marilyn Thomasson  
Famodu's friend, Yemi Olateju  
and the Men and Women of our Armed Forces



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(Acts 2:1-21 NRSV) When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. (2) And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. (3) Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. (4) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (5) Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. (6) And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. (7) Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? (8) And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? (9) Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, (10) Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, (11) Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” (12) All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” (13) But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” (14) But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. (15) Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. (16) No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: (17) ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. (18) Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. (19) And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. (20) The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. (21) Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

## Word List

MESOPOTAMIA PROSELYTES CAPPADOCIA BEWILDERED ASTONISHED RESIDENTS  
PERPLEXED PENTECOST PARTHIANS PAMPHYLIA LANGUAGES JERUSALEM  
GALILEANS DAUGHTERS BELONGING ADDRESSED VISITORS TOGETHER SUDDENLY  
STANDING SPEAKING PROPHECY PORTENTS GLORIOUS GATHERED EVERYONE  
ELAMITES DECLARES DARKNESS APPEARED VISIONS VIOLENT TONGUES  
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## ST. NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA



### Vestry Minutes, March 18, 2008

**Members present:** Tom Eklo, Martha Chambers, Todd Oliverius, Andrea Oliverius, Pam Banks, Bill Mills, Tom McConnell, Alfred Jaryan, and Dick Kohout

**Members absent:** Ed Karuki

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

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

**Finance Report:** Dick Kohout reported on our finances. We are approximately \$1037 below budget for our income contributions, and our total income is \$1722 below budget. Total expenses to date are \$28,706 which is \$684 less than budget. A motion to accept the finance report as presented was made by Dick and seconded by Pam. The motion carried.

**Ricoh Copier Charges:** Bill Mills suggested that there should be a charge for the copies that are produced on our new copier for personal business—in other words, copies that are not church related. After some discussion, it was decided that 5 cents will be charged for black and white copies, and 15 cents will be charged for color copies for anything personal. The “Thou Shalt not Steal” Friar jar next to the copy machine is where parishioners should deposit their coins. A sign will be posted stating these charges.

#### Old Business:

##### Vestry Meeting Dates

Todd brought up the fact that not all Vestry members can meet on Tuesday night—he suggested that perhaps we could alternate meeting nights between Tuesday and Thursday every other month. After discussing that option, the Vestry thought it best to keep the same night each month to avoid confusion. We will retain the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month as our meeting date.

#### New Business:

##### Blue Moon Proposal

Since the Blue Moon Singers have outgrown the Gathering Space for their annual “Tea For You and Blue Moon Too”, they would like to use the Fireplace Room this year, but would like to “Warm-Up the Space!” On behalf of the Blue Moon Singers, Joan Spivey and Judy Conn presented a proposal to the Vestry which includes having a gas insert installed in the current fireplace, the purchase of an area rug for in front of the fireplace, and the creation of several banners to be hung on the window wall in the Fireplace Room.

After Joan’s presentation and Vestry discussion, Tom made a motion **to give Blue Moon permission to begin fund raising for this project that involves a natural gas fireplace, a large rug, and modifications to bring color and warmth to the fireplace room.** The motion was seconded by Dick. The motion carried.

##### Sunday Announcements

Tom initiated a discussion on the placement of Sunday announcements. He reminded Vestry that they are an interruption in the liturgy and need to be short and to the point. Tom requested that if a parishioner wishes to make a Sunday announcement, Tom should be contacted before the service begins regarding the announcement. Announcements can be posted on the bulletin board in the gathering space as well as printed in the Sunday service bulletin.



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## Goals for 2008

Todd led the discussion on the setting of goals for Tom and the Vestry. Two goals were set for Tom for 2008. They are as follows:

1. To continue to work with the vision group, using the committee currently in place, to create a vision statement that correctly illustrates who we are and where we want to go.
2. To work with the liturgy group and perform at least four (4) alternative services throughout the year.

Two suggestions were also made for Tom to pursue: They are as follows:

1. To pursue the possibility of having a workshop or class to explain the traditions and symbols of the Episcopal religion to those from outside the church, new to the church, and interested St. Nicholas members.
2. To begin work on moving Vestry from a primary focus on business toward a focus of vestry as the spiritual leadership of the congregation. This is a major cultural shift and will require time.

Vestry goals will be set at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Vestry meeting.

## Next Vestry Meeting

The next Vestry meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 7 p.m.** Remember, parishioners are always welcome at all Vestry meetings. Bill volunteered to lead the meditation as well as bring treats for the April meeting.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Aicher, Vestry Clerk

### St. Nicholas Financials

	March		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>Income</b>	\$12,115	\$9,254	\$33,421	\$32,282
<b>Expense</b>	\$11,270	\$12,417	\$39,977	\$41,808
<b>Net</b>	\$845	<b>\$3,163</b>	<b>\$6,556</b>	<b>\$9,526</b>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Apr 27</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Education - Adult 10:30 AM Eucharist	<i>Apr 28</i>	<i>Apr 29</i>	<i>Apr 30</i> 7:30 PM Choir	<i>May 1</i> 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom	<i>May 2</i> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality - How to Keep a Spiritual Journal	<i>May 3</i>
<i>May 4</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Education - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Education - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist	<i>May 5</i>	<i>May 6</i>	<i>May 7</i> 7:30 PM Choir	<i>May 8</i>	<i>May 9</i> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality - Walking the Labyrinth	<i>May 10</i>
<i>May 11</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Education - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Education - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist Mother's Day Pentecost	<i>May 12</i>	<i>May 13</i> 7:00 PM Vestry	<i>May 14</i>	<i>May 15</i> 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom Crier deadline	<i>May 16</i> 10:00 AM Adventures on Spirituality - Guided Meditation	<i>May 17</i> Armed Forces Day
<i>May 18</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:30 AM Cycle Blessing 10:30 AM Eucharist Farewell to Christopher Haack	<i>May 19</i>	<i>May 20</i>	<i>May 21</i>	<i>May 22</i>	<i>May 23</i> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality - Cultivating Compassion & Service	<i>May 24</i>
<i>May 25</i> 9:00 AM Eucharist	<i>May 26</i> Memorial Day (Observed)	<i>May 27</i>	<i>May 28</i>	<i>May 29</i>	<i>May 30</i> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality - Spiritual " " " "	<i>May 31</i> 12:00 PM Free Lunch
<i>Jun 1</i> 9:00 AM Eucharist	<i>Jun 2</i>	<i>Jun 3</i>	<i>Jun 4</i>	<i>Jun 5</i> 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom	<i>Jun 6</i> 10:00 AM Adventures in " " " "	<i>Jun 7</i>

## Birthdays

- |                   |                 |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Dorothy Davis   | 6 Dave Newman   | 20 Alfred Jaryan, Jr. |
| 2 Craig Kettleson | Laurie Brown    | Mia Hoyle             |
| John Buckley      | 8 Leo Bruhl     | Deweh Yuoh            |
| 3 Helen Mudgett   | 9 Arbie Johnson | 26 Peter Taylor       |
| 4 George Olsen    | 15 Ginny Olsen  | 27 Ariel Banks        |
| 5 Todd Oliverius  | 18 Diane Hoyle  | 29 Gretchem Eichhorn  |

## Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|
| 1 Blanche & John Buckley |
| 6 Barb & Tom McConnell   |
| 19 Karla & Bill Wherland |