



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



# The Crier

## October 2008

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### October Events

**October 5**  
**Blessing**  
**of the Animals**

**October 19**  
**Tea for You and**  
**Blue Moon Too**

**October 26**  
**Adopt a Stuffed**  
**Animal**

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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 while since we have talked about the work of the Vision Team. The Vision Team spent much of the spring of the year visiting organizations and schools within the community with the goal in mind of trying to ascertain what some of the needs are and how we could possibly plug into work that is already being done to enhance the lives of those who live in our midst. It also became increasingly apparent in our discussions that we needed a vision for the ministries of the parish that speak to the needs of those within the congregation. From these two divergent and yet similar avenues of focus in ministry, it was hoped that we could develop written vision statements. But we found the task daunting because of the need to be specific enough to energize people on one level and yet general enough on another level to keep us open to the winds of the Spirit. Thanks to a couple members of the team who felt very strongly that we needed to persevere in this task, the Vision Team has come up with two vision statements – one that speaks to our ministry outside of our parish church walls, and one that speaks to our ministry in this place we call the church.

### Vision Statements

Reaching out as Christ-centered people,  
Engaging in programs/activities  
That seek to enrich the lives of those  
In the communities around us.

Reaching deeply into our church community,  
Striving together for a greater understanding  
Of our religious and spiritual life.

I would ask each of you to take some time and live with these two statements for a while. Take the time to repeat them to yourself several times and then think about some of the words and phrases that are used in these statements that make a strong statement about who we are and what the task is in front of us as we live into them. I will have more to say about these statements as we move through the coming liturgical year, but I wanted to get them out there for each of you to interact with at this point in time.

My heartfelt thanks to the Vision Team. This team has now been together for almost two years, and those that began the process with us have remained. We are blessed as a congregation to have this group of people who have passionately committed themselves – their minds, their hearts and their time to this task and to the idea that God gives us a mission and a vision for carrying that mission forward.



Blessings,  
Tom



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### Blessing of the Animals



It has become a tradition in many congregations to bless animals around the first part of October. The dating of this tradition is not coincidental. The Feast Day for St. Francis is October 4<sup>th</sup>, and because he is often considered the patron saint of animals, the blessing of animals typically occurs around the date of his feast day. This year at St. Nicholas, we will have a blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 4PM in the afternoon. Bring your dog, cat, bird, gerbil, gecko or any other living creature for this special liturgy of word and music that gives thanks to God for the diversity and beauty of all of creation.



### The Vintage Room will be back at the Boutique

Judy will once again be the resource person for your antiques and collectibles. If you would like her to help price your items please get them to her by Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the latest. If you want to price your own items Judy can help you find websites that might give you a ballpark figure.

### Stuffed Animal Adoption Sunday October 26, 2008

We have many stuffed animals (44) that we kept from our Spring Recycle Sale. This year we are asking you to adopt these animals for the Ramsey County Sheriff rather than bringing animals. All adopted animals will be blessed and will be used by the sheriff deputies to give to children in crisis. Hopefully you will adopt many of these animals.

- Adoption fee for large size animals - \$2.00
- Adoption fee for medium size animals - \$1.00
- Adoption fee for small size animals - \$ .50



Come and enjoy the new fireplace room with an hour of refreshment and song. Attend the **"Fourth Annual Tea For You and Blue Moon Too"** on Sunday, October 19 at 3:00. We've had rave reviews for our tea sandwiches, scones, bars, cookies, candies, coffee and tea. Makes your mouth water just thinking about it, doesn't it? Hope you can join us!

The **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday House Boutique** will open Wednesday, November 16 and run through that Sunday. As always, one of the most popular areas is expected to be the Baked Goods. Please keep it in mind. The Antique & Collectible Room will be again be a part if the sale. Be sure to read the article, to the left, for those who wish to include one or more items. And a new addition will be items on consignment from SERRV. Their mission is to promote the social and economic progress of people in developing regions of the world by marketing their products in a just and direct manner.

December is just around the corner and plans are already underway for the 2008 **St. Nicholas Extravaganza and Potluck**. Festivities begin at 4:00, December 7, with an always entertaining program. If you wish to share your gifts and/or talents, please contact Joan Spivey, 952-888-0785, joanspivey@hotmail.com, as soon as possible. Try to keep your act to about three minutes so everyone can participate and so we can keep the show to a reasonable length.



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### The Space Has Been Warmed!

In March, representatives of Blue Moon sought approval from the Vestry to “Warm Up The Space” of the Fireplace Room. Now, six months later, we are pleased to report that the Blue Moon phase of the fireplace-room project is done.

We envisioned a working fireplace, a colorful rug and banners, and a fresh coat of paint. Thanks to the Vestry for their approval; the congregation for their baking, buying and donating; the thirteen people who worked in the room, the five people who provided lunch to the workers so there was no excuse to quit working, and the six people who worked on the banners, our vision came to pass!

The actual work in the room required approximately 160 hours. This does not include the hours for the many people who baked and shopped the Bake Sales and the “Car Wash,” who provided lunch, beverages and refreshments for the workers, who shopped for supplies, who met with contractors, consultants and congregation to choose the fireplace, rug and colors, or those who gave us suggestions and encouragement.

We:

- Investigated and selected a gas fireplace insert,
- Consulted experts and congregation for rug and wall colors,
- Painted the ceiling,
- Patched, primed and painted the walls, doors, radiators and cabinets,
- Removed the old baseboards, cleaned the edge of the tile, and attached new baseboards,
- Cut, sewed and hung the banners.



Our prepainters and painters were: Tom McC, Barb McC, Joan S, Todd O, Andrea O, Sharon M, Carol L, Dick K, Kristy H, Dawn G.

Our baseboarders were: Tom McC, Dick K, Craig K.

Our banner makers were: Carol H, Penny W, Kathy C, Maxine P, Barb McC, Joan.

Our lunch providers were: Carol H, Dorothy R, Judy C, Kristy H, Kathy C.

Total cash donations: \$953.61

Total expenses: \$890.73

Balance remaining: \$ 62.88

Blue Moon hopes the congregation will enjoy using the fresh, new space. Please join us on Sunday afternoon, October 19, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. for the Fourth Annual “Tea For You and Blue Moon Too.” Enjoy refreshments and a short musical show in the fireplace room.



### Help Needed and Happenings Book Fund Raiser

Richfield Meals on Wheels is again selling Happenings Books. This sale supports the Meals on Wheels program and is their only fundraiser. The books are \$30.00 and have many discounted offers in them. Books will be available until October 30. See Jean Ogden (612-869-8404) or Jan Kohout (952-941-7561) for your book.

Also, we are looking for more people to help deliver meals. The time commitment is 2 hours every other month (About 6 times per year). Although drivers are scheduled for one particular day every other month it is possible to exchange your day to drive with someone else, so you are not locked in to your assignment. Find a friend and deliver together, it is a rewarding and fun experience.





## It's Harvest Time!

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 Prayers  
 Decorating  
 Baskets

Fruitful  
 Agricultural  
 Feast  
 Farmers  
 Horticulture  
 Fields  
 Reaping  
 Gathering  
 Weather  
 Machinery  
 Gardening  
 Bountiful

### Those who need our prayers....

Tom Frick	Jill Aicher	Laurice Anderson	Pat Peterson
Mavis Sperrick	Betty Cope	Jean Ogden	Hoyt & Carm Oswald
Judy Conn	Sally Parsons	Sue Bennitt	Martha Chambers
George Olsen	Marilyn Thomasson	Yvonne Lokken	
Martha Chamber's son Edmund Mastrianni		Gayle Ticen's sister, Shirley Hagenbuch	
and the Men and Women of our Armed Forces			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sep 28</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 10:30 AM Eucharist</p>	<p><b>Sep 29</b></p>	<p><b>Sep 30</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 1</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Oct 2</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom 7:00 PM Walking the Labyrinth</p>	<p><b>Oct 3</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Oct 4</b></p>
<p><b>Oct 5</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children &amp; Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist 4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals</p>	<p><b>Oct 6</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 7</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 8</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Oct 9</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Walking the Labyrinth</p>	<p><b>Oct 10</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Oct 11</b></p>
<p><b>Oct 12</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children &amp; Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist</p>	<p><b>Oct 13</b> Columbus Day (Observed)</p>	<p><b>Oct 14</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Vestry</p>	<p><b>Oct 15</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Choir Crier deadline</p>	<p><b>Oct 16</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom 7:00 PM Walking the Labyrinth</p>	<p><b>Oct 17</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Oct 18</b></p>
<p><b>Oct 19</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children &amp; Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist 10:30 AM Eucharist 3:00 PM Tea for You &amp; Blue Moon, too</p>	<p><b>Oct 20</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 21</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 22</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Oct 23</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Walking the Labyrinth</p>	<p><b>Oct 24</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Oct 25</b></p> <p>12:00 PM Free Lunch</p>
<p><b>Oct 26</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 10:30 AM Eucharist Adopt a Stuffed Animal</p>	<p><b>Oct 27</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 28</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 29</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Oct 30</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Walking the Labyrinth</p>	<p><b>Oct 31</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Nov 1</b></p>
<p><b>Nov 2</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children &amp; Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist Daylight Savings Time Ends</p>	<p><b>Nov 3</b></p>	<p><b>Nov 4</b></p> <p>Election Day</p>	<p><b>Nov 5</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Nov 6</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom 7:00 PM Walking the Labyrinth</p>	<p><b>Nov 7</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Nov 8</b></p> <p>5:00 PM Ethnic Dinner</p>

## Birthdays

8 Tom Eklo  
Ayayo Orwa  
16 Gerri Finnell  
Carol Lowe  
18 Annette Lasserud  
20 Nadine Bristol

22 Debie Tsuchiya  
23 Sue Bennitt  
28 Olayinka Famodu  
29 Ruth Weise  
31 Mercilyn Hoyle

## Anniversaries

9 Sue & Dave Newman  
14 Enid & Ed Kariuki  
19 Pam & Kerry Banks  
21 Anne & George Wilner

22 Ethel & Jack Lyon  
23 Annette & Jan Lasserud  
24 Sharon & Bill Mills  
25 Delores & Jack Deger