



ST. NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA



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October 1-3 - Recycle Sale

October 1st - Begin Tai Chi for Health, 7:00 pm

October 4th - Begin Christian Ed. for Children & Youth

October 11th - Blessing of the Animals, 4:00 pm

October 18th - Tea for You & Blue Moon, too, 3:00 pm

October 24th - Fall Clean-up, 9:00 am

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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 **Karen Bessler**
Junior Warden **Dick Kohout**
Director of Music **Charlotte Grantier**
Crier Editor **Kathy Cummings**



Vestry Members

Pam Banks **Carol Barthelemy**
Gretchen Eichhorn **Ed Kariuki**
Dick Kohout **Tom McConnell**
Bill Mills **Andrea Oliverius**

Treasurer **Rich Makela**
Vestry Clerk **Bill Mills**

Reflections from Tom

REFLECTIONS FROM TOM

The Very Rev. Samuel Lloyd, Dean of the National Cathedral in Washington, made the following points during a leadership conference at Yale Divinity School. He was speaking of the challenges of the Episcopal Church in the world and the culture of the 21st Century. He identified ten points that need new vision and thinking to strengthen parishes and equip them for ministry.

1. We must be clear that the church is not a club with services and programs for members only; rather it must be a community with a strong sense of mission and purpose to make Christ known.
2. We must be pilgrims, not tourists. We must be intentionally Christian, making prayer, worship, healing, justice, and discernment critical parts of a life of faith. Give the church more than Sunday morning. It builds a good foundation for life.
3. We must move from being welcoming congregations to being inviting congregations. We must not wait for people to come to us. We have to invite them in – into the faith life of our community.
4. We must acknowledge that an open door involves hospitality to strangers who may not look like us. Look for ways to connect with those who are “left out” by the world.
5. We have to move from privacy to testimony. The church began as a community in which faith was nurtured, and this is still a primary calling.
6. We must make a shift from compassion alone to working for justice. We are to be voice for those who are most vulnerable.
7. We must shift from giving to “pay the bills” to evangelical giving. Stewardship is all about our relationship with God, and our giving is to be a measure of our souls and an expression of faith. Everything we have is an immeasurable gift. Live generously!
8. We must move from saying prayers to praying. We are to be community in constant relationship with God.
9. We must move from education to formation. We must grow so that our faith helps us to make sense of life, and gives us both a foundation for living and courage to be all that God has created us to be.

10. We must move from simply attending church to becoming lost in wonder, love, and praise. Worship is first about giving praise to God, not about getting something. Worship is to be transformative. Cultivate an attitude of adoration and prayer. There is a worldwide famine of adoration, worship, love, praise, and awe.

I tend to agree with these insights from Dean Lloyd. There are no programs out there to create these realities. Nor can we force ourselves to fit into these molds. What emerges for me in his evaluation is an underlying spiritual premise that the church becomes the church when we are grounded and profoundly passionate about our relationship with God, with each other, and the world in which we live. Things happen in our lives and in our community when we allow that passion to focus our energies. Where are you as a person and the collective St. Nicholas community in relation to these ten points? Give it some thought. I'd love to hear from you!!

Blessings,
Tom



Fall Cleanup



FALL CLEANUP time is upon us again. It will be on October 24 from 9:00 AM till 12:30 PM. Please come for as little or as much time as you can. Outdoor cleanup will be primary, weather permitting. Other small projects as time permits. Bring rakes, gloves, etc.

Thank You for Helping Building & Grounds.



Tai Chi for Health begins Thursday, October 1, 7-8PM, here at the church. This session of Tai Chi will go for eight consecutive weeks, ending Thursday, November 19th. There is no prior experience required, and this form of Tai Chi, known as Sun Style Tai Chi is low-impact, allowing most people to be able to participate. The first session will meet in the gathering space due to the re-cycle sale. Subsequent sessions will meet in the fireplace room as available. Join the fun! Improve movement and balance!

The Countdown Continues

There are only TWO months until the December 6th St. Nicholas Extravaganza and Potluck! Acts have already signed up and there is an excitement in the air! If you want to participate in the show, please contact Joan at 952-888-0785 or joanspivey@hotmail.com



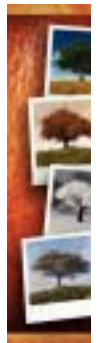
Blessing of the Animals



This year's blessing of the animals will take place on Sunday, October 11th at 4PM at the church. Weather permitting, we will have the blessing outdoors at the Labyrinth. If the weather is inclement, we will have the service in the church. Bring your dog, your cat, bird, gerbil, favorite goldfish or any other living creature. It is a great time to celebrate and bless the diversity of God's creation given to us to care for.

Celebrate the Seasons

The wait is nearly over! On Sunday afternoon, October 18, at 3:00, please join Blue Moon for refreshments and song as we present our 5th Annual "Tea For You and Blue Moon Too." We will have sandwiches, sweets, beverages, wonderful music and good company as we "Celebrate The Seasons."



In your prayers, you are asked to remember....

Kristin Cummings

Jill Aicher

Daisy Druhl

Gayle Ticen's sister Shirley Hagenbuch

Ann Wilner's sister Deb Exted

Mary Phyllis Meyer's daughter Mary Kay

George Wilner's mother The Rev. Jan Wilner

George Wilner

Mary Phyllis Meyer

Dee Hughes

Sharon Miller

Sharon Miller

Lisa Peterson

Betty Miller's nephew Tony, sister Mary & brother Ray

And the men and women of our armed forces.

Laurice Anderson

Betty Cope

Tom Frick

Mary Phyllis Meyer's sister Virginia Gaebe

Ann Wilner's father's friend Sharon Miller

Karen Bessler's son-in-law Lisa Peterson

Betty Miller's nephew Tony, sister Mary & brother Ray

Marge Stwora

Dorothy Reese

Jean Ogden



SOSDOK Changes Nights

The Springs of Shalom Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the Kings (SOSDOK) has changes their meeting night. We will now be gathering on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 7:00 – 9:00. Our meetings are open to all women with no obligation to become a Daughter. Any questions? Please contact Diannah Robertson, Sharon Mills or Kathy Cummings.



The Year of Being Boutique-less

Barb, Barb and Kathy are very sad to inform you that we will not be able to have our Holiday House Boutique this year. We are experiencing a “perfect storm” of personal conflicts. Each of us, individually, has a major obstacle to being available for the boutique. Therefore, we made the difficult decision to skip this year’s event. Watch for our Grand Re-Opening in 2010.

Walkabout meeting times, places, and format

from the IX Bishop Search Committee

The Search Committee has finalized the logistics for the IX Bishop candidate walkabouts next month. This will be an opportunity for the diocese to meet the candidates for the IX Bishop of Minnesota. It will also be an opportunity for the candidates to get a little taste of who we are as the people of Minnesota.

Monday, October 19, 2009

12 noon to 2 pm, St Christopher’s, Roseville
7 to 9 pm, Breck School chapel, Golden Valley

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

7 to 9 pm, Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior, Faribault

Thursday, October 22, 2009

7 to 9 pm, Shooting Star Casino Event Center, Mahnomen

Friday, October 23, 2009

7 to 9 pm, St Paul’s, Duluth



Participation

Presentations are open to all people with an interest in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Minnesota. Priority seating will be given to voting clergy and delegates to the electing convention. However, all members of the diocese are welcome to attend up to the capacity of the venue. (Delegates and voting clergy, please arrive early to ensure a seat.)

All attendees, especially voting clergy and delegates, are urged to read each candidate’s biography, resume and, if applicable, responses to Search Committee questions posted on the Search website, www.mnbishopsearch.org, before attending the meetings.

Walkabout format

Each of the candidates will be afforded a brief opening and closing statement and will answer pre-submitted questions for about 15 minutes. A brief reception, hosted locally, will follow. Candidates will be available during the reception to meet and greet attendees.

Submitting questions

We invite questions from all people with an interest in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, but especially want to encourage youth, children, youth groups, and Sunday school classes to participate. Guidelines for questions are available on the Search Committee blog, www.mnbishopsearchepiscopal.wordpress.com.

Questions will be accepted beginning today through October 15 at 5 pm. Submit questions by email to the Reverend Michele Morgan at revmichelemorgan@gmail.com, by postal mail to 3154 Ulysses St. NE Minneapolis MN 55418, or on the [search committee blog](#). There will also be an opportunity to submit written questions just prior to each walkabout meeting.

Communications

If possible, each walkabout will be webcast and podcast through [the diocesan website](#) for later viewing or for group review within communities. Written materials covering the walkabouts will be prepared as bulletin inserts for Sunday, October 25 and distributed via email and the diocesan website.



Vestry Minutes

August 25, 2009

Members Present: Andrea Oliverius, Dick Kohout, Karen Bessler, Rev. Tom Eklo, Tom McConnell, Gretchen Eichhorn, Alfred Jaryan, Pam Banks. Guest: Rich Makela

Members Absent: Carol Barthelemy , Ed Kariuki

Rev Tom Eklo opened the meeting with a prayer

Secretaries Report: The minutes from the July 21, 2009, Vestry Meeting were presented. Pam Banks moved that the minutes be accepted as presented and the motion was seconded by Tom McConnell.

Finance Report: Report was made by Rich Makela. Money is still coming in for the sign fund. Motion by Dick Kohout to accept the report and Tom McConnell second the motion.

Rich brought up Memorial Fund and it was decided to invite Debie Tsuchiya to the next vestry meeting as she has been in charge of the fund and will be able to fill us in on the fund and what kind of help she would like to see on the Memorial Comm. Karen will invite Debie to the next Vestry Meeting.

Old Business: Pew Project-Feed back has been about 50-50, people for and against. We monitor until after the first of the year. Questions were asked about using Memorial Funds or Buying a chair?

Kitchen Project-Meeting was held with Maxine and Sally Parsons, Dick Kohout, Rev. Tom Eklo and Mark Cox from Grand Restaurant Equipment and Design. A full report will be presented at the next Vestry Meeting.

Wellness Project-Nothing new

Key Audit-Audit results will be presented at the next Vestry Meeting

New Business: Selling of the old kneelers. Tom McConnell will look into selling the kneelers from the Choir

We need to clean out the Furnace Room. Karen will make announcement Sunday for everyone to tag their items otherwise Karen will let Maxine and Daisy know that the items maybe placed in the recycle sale or disposed of.

Directory Update-Some members of the congregation have asked for a new directory. Pam Banks suggested that we do an updated add on. Pam and Carol will work on this. Karen will let Carol know.

Pam Banks announced that Youth Sunday School will start Oct 4 and will be held 3 Sundays a month.

Tom's Time:

Reminded us:

The recycle sale. Drop off Sept 25-28, Sale Oct 1-3

Sept 13 We go to 2 services

Sept 20 Rally Sunday

Oct 11 Blessing of the Animals

Oct 18 Blue Moon Tea

Oct 23 Fall Clean up

Nov 25 Thanksgiving Eve Service at Woodlake-Rev Tom Eklo will give the Homilie

Dec 6 St Nicholas Day and the Extravaganza and Potluck

Starting in October Rev Tom will teach Tai Chi class either Wednesday or Thursday. Announcement will be made when a day is decided.

Tom has received a complaint from a neighbor about the green drop off box in the North Parking Lot. After some discussion it seems to be resolved.

Being no more business, Gretchen Eichhorn made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Pam Banks.

Everyone joined in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Bessler

Senior Warden

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sep 27</p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 10:30 AM Eucharist</p> <p>RecycleSale Drop-off 9:00-3:00</p>	<p>Sep 28</p>	<p>Sep 29</p>	<p>Sep 30</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>Oct 1</p> <p>7:00 PM Tai Chi for Health</p> <p>RecycleSale</p>	<p>Oct 2</p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p>Oct 3</p>
<p>Oct 4</p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist</p>	<p>Oct 5</p>	<p>Oct 6</p>	<p>Oct 7</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>Oct 8</p> <p>7:00 PM Tai Chi for Health</p>	<p>Oct 9</p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p>Oct 10</p>
<p>Oct 11</p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist</p>	<p>Oct 12</p> <p>7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom Columbus Day (Observed)</p>	<p>Oct 13</p> <p>7:00 PM Finance Committee</p>	<p>Oct 14</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>Oct 15</p> <p>7:00 PM Tai Chi for Health Crier deadline</p>	<p>Oct 16</p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p>Oct 17</p>
<p>Oct 18</p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 10:30 AM Eucharist 3:00 PM Blue Moon Tea</p>	<p>Oct 19</p>	<p>Oct 20</p>	<p>Oct 21</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>Oct 22</p> <p>7:00 PM Tai Chi for Health</p>	<p>Oct 23</p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p>Oct 24</p> <p>9:00 AM Fall Clean-up</p>
<p>Oct 25</p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist</p>	<p>Oct 26</p> <p>7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom</p>	<p>Oct 27</p> <p>7:00 PM Vestry</p>	<p>Oct 28</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>Oct 29</p> <p>7:00 PM Tai Chi for Health</p>	<p>Oct 30</p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p> <p>Diocesan Convention - Mpls</p>	<p>Oct 31</p> <p>12:00 PM Free Lunch Halloween</p>
<p>Nov 1</p> <p>2:00 AM Daylight Savings Time Ends 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 10:30 AM Eucharist</p>	<p>Nov 2</p>	<p>Nov 3</p> <p>Election Day</p>	<p>Nov 4</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>Nov 5</p> <p>7:00 PM Tai Chi for Health</p>	<p>Nov 6</p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p>Nov 7</p>

birthdays

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 8 Tom Eklo | 20 Nadine Bristol |
| 16 Gerri Finnell | 22 Debie Tsuchiya |
| 18 Annette Lasserud | 28 Olayinka Famodu |
| | 29 Ruth Weise |
| | 31 Mercilyn Hoyle |

anniversaries

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 9 Sue & Dave Newman | 22 Ethel & Jack Lyon |
| 14 Enid & Ed Kariuki | 23 Annette & Jan Lasserud |
| 19 Pam & Kerry Banks | 24 Sharon & Bill Mills |
| 21 Anne & George Wilner | 25 Delores & Jack Deger |