



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



# The Crier

## February 2010

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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 **Dick Kohout**  
Junior Warden **Mary Gleason**  
Director of Music **Charlotte Grantier**  
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**Terry Houle Tom McConnell**  
**Andrea Oliverius Maxine Parsons**

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## Reflections from Tom

REFLECTIONS FROM TOM

February is actually a time of noticeable change. While we are still officially in the season of winter, and there are days that remind us that winter is by no means ready to give up its grip, there are also those signs that change is taking place. By the middle of this month, we will no longer be driving home in the dark at the end of a work day. When the sun is out, you can begin to feel its penetrating warmth as it continues its ascent into the sky. The song birds begin to once again let you know that they are aware of the coming change. And if one finds none of this consoling on any level, I can say with some confidence that the month is short.

In thinking about what to write for this month's newsletter, I finally thought it appropriate to touch upon the focus items that I had outlined in my report for the annual report. There are perhaps many of you who receive the Crier that were not able to attend the annual meeting, and I would like to share those thoughts with you as well, for it involves all of us.

There are two primary foci along with my pastoral responsibilities that I would like to focus on with you in the coming year, and they are not necessarily sequential. The first focus is an outreach ministry in the community of which we are a part. Many of you are involved in volunteering and ministries as individuals within the community. It emanates from a deep-seeded desire and passion to live out your Christian life within the context of the needs of others that you see and care about. Your presence in these activities makes a profound difference in people's lives, and your ministries need to be celebrated. My desire for the parish to become involved in outreach is grounded in the same reality. Why a parish ministry? There are two reasons that come to mind. The first is that a parish ministry tends to create a focus and energizes the congregation on several levels. It gives us an increased sense that we are doing something meaningful as a community that is an extension of the wonderful ministries of worship, nurturing and care that we provide for one another. In fact, it often tends to build upon and enhance that sense of community as we come together to meet the needs of others.

Secondly, a parish ministry tends to become noticed and acknowledged by the community outside of our doors, and there is an increased interest on their part to find out who we are and what we are all about. When we become excited about something, and it is making a difference, others want to be a part of it. More importantly, it tells a story about who we are and the values that inform our decisions to live out the mandate and example of Jesus in the world.

The second focus is that of growth within the parish. We have much to offer, and there has been much discussion about how we get that message, our story, out into the community. Part of that is achieved through the technology of communications in our day. In the months ahead, there will be enhancements and expansion of our web site. St. Nicholas is now on "Facebook," a social networking site that is particularly popular among young adults. Perhaps the best tool for growth is what it has always been – word of mouth, and the connections we make that invite others to be a part of our family. Why growth? There is an energy in worship when the sanctuary is relatively full. I feel that, and I suspect you do as well. There is the capacity for us to offer even more of what we already do so well with a diversity of background and gifts that come with additional people. And there is the gift of new ideas, new insights, new directions that come with a fresh set of eyes and ears.

I am excited about our future as a parish. I would ask for your prayers for the St. Nicholas community each day. Pray for the Spirit of God to give us thankful hearts for what we have been given, a passion to live out our Christian lives, and discerning hearts that listen for the Spirit's leading.

Blessings,

Tom

## If you missed the Wellness Fair...

...on January 17th and would like some information please send an email to Terry Houle < terry99@gmail.com> and request. An electronic copy will be emailed to you. Various information regarding: Dream Works, Going Green, Healing Touch, Nutrition and Organic Shopping, Spirituality, Tai Chi and The Labyrinth is included. If you have additional resources for possible inclusion these can be submitted whether you request a manual or not.

### Thank You

With the support of your congregation, VEAP successfully served 2,344 families and 4,082 children with food certificates and toys this holiday season. This Christmas program saw a 15% increase from 2008 and indicates the continued need among our neighbors. VEAP could not provide these quality programs without the important contributions of our member churches.

*Kristin Hill Avirom, Children & Youth Services Manager, VEAP*

God willing and the people consenting,  
The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori  
Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church  
Will Ordain and Consecrate  
Rev. Brian N. Prior as the IX Bishop of Minnesota

✦  
Saturday, February 13, 2010

✦  
11:00 in the morning

✦  
Minneapolis Convention Center  
1301 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis

✦  
All are invited to this joyous occasion.

✦  
Light reception will follow.

✦  
Childcare from ages two through kindergarten will be provided.  
Clergy silk and red stole; Bishops rochet and chimere.

## Check us out on Facebook.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Richfield-MN/St-Nicholas-Episcopal-Church/307701681123>

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

Arthur Finnell

George Wilner

Laurice Anderson

Clint Bristol

Jill Aicher

Mary Phyllis Meyer

Betty Cope

Marge Stwora

Daisy Druhl

Dee Hughes

Betty Miller

Dorothy Reese

Tom Frick

Kerry Banks

George Wilner's mother The Rev. Jan Wilner

Mary Phyllis Meyer's sister Virginia

Mary Phyllis Meyer's niece, Luisa

Karen Bessler's niece, Lisa

Karen Bessler's brother-in-law, Warren

John Nelson's daughter, Sonja Kane

Gayle Ticen's sister, Shirley Hagenbuch

Terry Houle's brother-in-law, Jim Brandl

George Wilner's mother, the Rev. Jan Wilner

And the men and women of our armed forces.




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Jan 31</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>Feb 1</b></p>	<p><b>Feb 2</b> Groundhog Day</p>	<p><b>Feb 3</b> 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Feb 4</b></p>	<p><b>Feb 5</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality 7:00 PM Celebrate Life Contemplative Service - Jazz/Gospel</p>	<p><b>Feb 6</b></p>
<p><b>Feb 7</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>Feb 8</b> 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom</p>	<p><b>Feb 9</b> 7:00 PM Finance Committee</p>	<p><b>Feb 10</b> 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Feb 11</b></p>	<p><b>Feb 12</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality Lincoln's Birthday</p>	<p><b>Feb 13</b> 11:00 AM Ordination &amp; Consecration of IX Bishop of MN - Mpls Convetion Center</p>
<p><b>Feb 14</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 Valentine's Day</p>	<p><b>Feb 15</b> Crier Deadline President's Day</p>	<p><b>Feb 16</b></p>	<p><b>Feb 17</b> 12:00 PM Imposition of Ashes/Eucharist 7:00 PM Imposition of Ashes/Eucharist Ash Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Feb 18</b></p>	<p><b>Feb 19</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Feb 20</b></p>
<p><b>Feb 21</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>Feb 22</b> Washington's Birthday</p>	<p><b>Feb 23</b> 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom</p>	<p><b>Feb 24</b> 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Feb 25</b></p>	<p><b>Feb 26</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Feb 27</b> 9:00 AM Vestry Retreat @ Kohout's 12:00 PM Free Lunch</p>
	Meals on Wheels	Team 2				
<p><b>Feb 28</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>Mar 1</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 2</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 3</b> 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Mar 4</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 5</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Mar 6</b></p>
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## birthdays

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 3 Marge Stwora | 13 Barb McConnell   |
| Andy Newman    | Joan Spivey         |
| Lyda Wilner    | 18 Laurice Anderson |
| 8 Landon Banks | 24 Kathy Cummings   |
| 12 Mynra Rikke | 26 Bill Wherland    |

## anniversaries

- 14  Rebecca & Karl Knoblauch