



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



# The Crier

## May 2010

F lower Order Pick up  
 May 8 - 12:00 noon

Bike Blessing  
 May 16 - between services

**Pentecost**

**May 23 - wear red to church**



**Summer Service Schedule begins**

one service for the summer

May 30 - 9:00 am

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### Sunday Service

8:00 am Eucharist  
9:15 am Adult 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**  
Crier Editor **Kathy Cummings**



### Vestry Members

**Carol Barthelemy** **Gretchen Eichhorn**  
**Terry Houle** **Tom McConnell**  
**Andrea Oliverius** **Maxine Parsons**

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

# Reflections from Tom

REFLECTIONS FROM TOM

On my recent retreat to the North Shore of lake Superior I encountered every type of weather imaginable (no snow, thank goodness). This massive inland body of water is the single largest factor affecting the weather along its shores. On one of my days there, the 30 MPH wind was coming directly off the lake. With water temperature barely above freezing, I found my hooded sweatshirt and my winter jacket a great comfort. On a couple of other days, the breeze was coming off of the land, the sun was brilliant, and I was able to wear shorts and a light spring jacket as I hiked the trails along the Cascade River.

On one of the mornings, I awoke to a thick fog that had settled in along the shore. I will admit that I was initially a bit disappointed when I awoke, looked out of my lakeside window, and could not even see the lake. I turned on the news and the local weather persons were rather certain that the fog would lift by midday, unable to survive the heat of a mid-April sun. And so I set out on my journey for the day. I had decided on this day to travel north to the border and the Grand Portage State Park to see the highest waterfalls in Minnesota, the high falls of the Pigeon River.

As is so characteristic of fog, there were places where the fog was so dense you could barely see the headlights of oncoming traffic. In other places, the fog almost seemed to have lifted. But the lake remained shrouded in fog. As I drove along, I increasingly found it to be quite beautiful, almost other-worldly. Lake Superior is known for the many rocky points of land that jut out into the lake, silhouetted against the lake and the sky with majestic pines and birch trees. The beauty of those fog enshrouded points caused me to stop more than once and take in the quiet, eerie, calm that surrounded me. Later in the day as



I walked along paradise Beach I soon lost the ability to see my parked car, and only after about two hours (I finally looked at my watch) did I realize I had walked a great distance. The fog never lifted, and yet I found myself loving the day that I would never have planned had I been given the choice.

That day reminded of one of my favorite pictures, a small watercolor of a man rowing a boat in the thick of fog. The title of the watercolor is “foggy crossing.” It is a favorite because it speaks volumes to me of life itself. There are times in this life when we can’t see ten feet in front of us, and yet we still get in the boat and we start rowing because we need to get to the other side, and we can’t wait for the fog to lift and the skies to clear. The willingness to strike out in the fog is about courage, and trust and tenacity and foolishness. It is about knowing that our destination is somewhere out there even though we can’t see it with certainty, and so we begin the journey.



We oftentimes embark upon the Christian life wishing for, hoping for certainty and clarity. But certainty and clarity often elude us. There is much that we will never see or comprehend fully or clearly. Much of what we encounter in our journey is fog. But we keep on rowing. We keep on rowing, trusting in the God who guides us into an abundance of beauty and life that we could never have planned had we been given the choice.

Blessings,  
Tom

## Bike Blessing

On Sunday, May 16, between the services (approximately 9:30), there will be a blessing of whatever gets you from here to there (excluding autos). We're looking to bless bicycles, tricycles, motorbikes, motorcycles, walkers, wheelchairs, etc. Bring your mode of transportation to the north parking lot where we will offer a litany, a prayer for all and then a blessing for each vehicle and it's driver. Summer is coming. Time to get things blessed.

## Wholeness Ministries- Green

Check out the Wholeness Ministries bulletin board outside the Youth Room for some information on getting out with nature. Activities for kids or adults to experience nature with events or field trips listed in "The Trumpeter" newsletter that is posted. Get to experience nature and maybe get a little exercise as well for this family activity. It is amazing the many nearby spots we have and may not be aware of.

Contact: Terry Houle

## Soles 4 Souls

An estimated 300 million people around the world have no shoes, even living in the harshest of conditions. About 300 million pairs of shoes go to landfills in America each year. In gratitude for the spirit of Easter and new life, consider donating new or gently used shoes to this cause. **Before Pentecost**, May 23, bring your shoes, boots and sandals to the collection box at church. Tie each pair together. With the cooperation of Schuler shoes, they will be sorted and transported to Haiti.

News from

## Care Squares



You've done it again! Thanks to your big hearts and busy fingers, we have jam-packed five large flat rate postage boxes and 2 medium flat rate postage boxes with gorgeous, knitted squares and they are ready to be mailed off to South Africa to be turned into afghans for children who have been orphaned due to AIDS. Now, we need to ask you to open your pockets to help pay for the cost of the postage. The least expensive option is the US Postal Service, at \$370.00. Donations can be made to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Thanks again for your support and generosity. **If we act quickly, the squares should arrive just in time for winter in the southern hemisphere!**

## Zip Top Ministry



Remember our Zip Top Ministry to the homeless and those asking for help on our street corners. We will have new bags blessed and ready to go by Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

These bags are lovingly and carefully filled with items that are healthy and useable including a resource list for agencies that can provide assistance. If you've ever seen someone on the street asking for money for food, etc. and been concerned that your donation might be used instead to purchase alcohol or drugs, this is your answer. Not only do the bags provide some nourishment and hygiene supplies, we make sure that we **do not** give out any items that contain alcohol.

If you would like to help with the supplies needed for the Zip Top bags, the following is a list of items that we will need before Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>:

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Zip Top bags-gallon & quart | Small toothpaste |
| Bottled water               | Sunscreen        |
| Flavoring packets for water | Chapstick        |
| Toothbrushes                | Floss            |

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

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|--|--------------------|--|---------------------|
| Percy Hughes                             | Clint Bristol      | Laurice Anderson                               | Betty Cope          |
| Jill Aicher                              | Mary Phyllis Meyer | Gretchen Eichhorn                              | Marge Stwora        |
| Daisy Druhl                              | Bill Mills         | Mary Phyllis Meyer                             | Dorothy Reese       |
| Tom Frick                                | Marie Peterson     | George Wilner's mother                         | The Rev. Jan Wilner |
| John Nelson's mother, June Kestner       |                    | Jill Aicher's friend, Marlene Slavik           |                     |
| Terry Houle's brother-in-law, Jim Brandl |                    | Charlotte Grantier's father, William A. Howard |                     |
| The people of Haiti and Chile            |                    | And the men and women of our armed forces.     |                     |



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 2</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Eucharist	<b>May 3</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>May 6</b> 7:00 PM Walking the Labyrinth	<b>May 7</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality	<b>May 8</b> 12:00 PM Pick up Flower Orders
<b>May 9</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Eucharist <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>May 10</b> 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom	<b>May 11</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>May 13</b> 7:00 PM Walking the Labyrinth	<b>May 14</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality	<b>May 15</b> 10:00 AM Christian Dream Work <i>Armed Forces Day</i> Crier Deadline
<b>May 16</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Bike Blessing 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Eucharist	<b>May 17</b> Meals on Wheels - Team 1	<b>May 18</b>	<b>May 19</b>	<b>May 20</b> 7:00 PM Vestry 7:00 PM Walking the Labyrinth	<b>May 21</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality	<b>May 22</b>
<b>May 23</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Eucharist <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>May 24</b> 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom	<b>May 25</b>	<b>May 26</b>	<b>May 27</b> 7:00 PM Walking the Labyrinth	<b>May 28</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality	<b>May 29</b> 12:00 PM Free Lunch
<b>May 30</b> 9:00 AM Eucharist	<b>May 31</b> <i>Memorial Day (Observed)</i>	<b>Jun 1</b>	<b>Jun 2</b>	<b>Jun 3</b> 7:00 PM Walking the Labyrinth	<b>Jun 4</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality	<b>Jun 5</b>
<b>Jun 6</b> 9:00 AM Eucharist	<b>Jun 7</b>	<b>Jun 8</b> 7:00 PM Finance Committee	<b>Jun 9</b>	<b>Jun 10</b> 7:00 PM Walking the Labyrinth	<b>Jun 11</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality	<b>Jun 12</b>

## birthdays

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

## anniversaries

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|--------------------------|
| 6 Barb & Tom McConnell   |
| 19 Karla & Bill Wherland |