



The Morning Star

July/August 2017

Ordinary Time?

On our Church calendar, we have moved into the period of time known as Proper Ordinary Time. This doesn't mean for us a designation of something ordinary, or common place. Derived from the word "ordinal" as in "ordinal numbers", Ordinary Time informs us of rank or position. The Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. Each subsequent Sunday during this time is numbered "after Pentecost."

For the next five months, the liturgical color is green. The color green is associated with growth and energy. During these past six months, from the First Sunday of Advent to Trinity Sunday, we have grown in our relationship with God and we have become energized by God's presence among us. This is not a mundane, ordinary, period of time.

We are now at a place in the year where we recall what we have learned, thus far, as we also prepare for a new liturgical cycle coming in December. As we move forward, let us be evermindful of the fact that we are persons reconciled to God by faith through Christ. We are a people of a new covenant with our Creator. And, yes – a reminder once again – this is all offered to us because of God's Love for us.

As ministers of the Church, we are asked during this season to discern our own unique vocation. In a world that is continuously crying out for goodness and mercy, let us remember our charge to express this vocation in order to instill the presence, forgiveness, and knowledge of God within this world.

This, too, is a time for rejoicing! Let us enjoy our life and the summer break ahead, mindful of what Jesus has done for us on our behalf.

As we are combining the July and August Morning Star, I want to extend an invitation to the congregation and our guests to attend the Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 6, at Quartermoon Farm, Kirkland. There will be two worship services

on this particular morning: 7:30 a.m., Holy Communion, Rite II, in the Church. And, 10:00 a.m., Holy Communion, Rite II, at Quartermoon Farm, with the picnic following.

Also, I will take vacation time in mid-August. On Sunday, August 13, there will be a full liturgy of Morning Prayer; The Revd. Dee Goodale, Officiant and Preacher. Sunday, August 20, is Holy Communion; The Revd. Amy Fallon, Celebrant and Preacher. If there is a pastoral emergency during my absence, please contact The Revd. Peg Williams, Rector, Grace Church, Sterling. She may be reached at Grace Church or by her cell number: (815) 625-7027.

May you all have a safe and wonderful Summer vacation. Peace be with you!

Fr. Jim

Search Committee Update:

The Search Committee reported at the Vestry Meeting on June 15 that they are working hard to complete the survey for the Diocese Office for Transitional Ministry. The next goal is the completion of the parish profile, possibly some time in July.

*Judy LaPorta
Search Committee Co-Chair*

Parish Notes

Summer Worship Schedule

During the months of June, July and August our Sunday worship will be one service at 9:00 a.m. The service will be Holy Eucharist Rite Two with use of the various Eucharistic prayers as found in the Book of Common Prayer.

Staff Time Away In July and August

Our organist, Audre Kurowski, will be taking time away during the month of July. Larry Dirst has graciously agreed to play the organ in July.

Catherine Carroll will be away from the parish office beginning of June 26 and ending July 31.

Fr. Clement will take some vacation time in mid-August. Deacon Goodale will preside at the service on August 13 and Amy Fallon will be our supply priest on August 20.



Parish Picnic on August 6

This year the picnic will be held at the Burgwegers' Quartermoon Farm, 4434 Old State Road, Kirkland.

There will be a 7:30 service held in the church building and the later service will begin at 10am followed immediately by the picnic festivities.

A Thank You Note

A heartfelt "thank you" to family and friends who shared in recognizing my significant birthday.

The June 4th coffee hour, replete with birthday cake and treats, was truly a gathering of caring friends. If you were there or wanted to be there I will forever appreciate your presence and good thoughts. God bless you.

*Sincerely and with love,
Barbara Weaver*

Vestry Notes, June 15, 2017

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Father Clement at 7:04 p.m. with evening prayers. In attendance were Father James Clement, Senior Warden Bill Nicklas, Junior Warden Anita Biletzky, Donna Hill, Clerk. Vestry members Lynne Roberts, Barbara Weaver, Judy Dettloff, Bronwyn Burgweger, John Vain, and Jack Frost. Steve Guziec, Danielle Guziec, Susan Frost, Pat Burgweger, Cindy Vain, Pat Klein, and Judy LaPorta were in attendance as guests.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 18, 2017 meeting were presented and approved with minor revisions.

4. Open Forum. Cindy Vain thanked Tom and Pat Klein for their wonderful cleaning work in the Waterman Hall bathrooms recently.

5. Committee Reports

Finance Committee. John Vain reported in behalf of Treasurer Jacquie Drake. Pledges are still somewhat down but not unexpectedly for this time of year. The organist expenses are down because of Larry Dirst's generous and unselfish service last summer and fall. With respect to utilities, Com Ed is down and Frontier will be down for the year. Property taxes are positive for the year. The workers comp accrual has lifted insurance costs slightly but not dramatically. Year to date expenses are, overall, within budget.

Building & Grounds Committee/Restoration and Renovation. Pat Klein reported that work on the Wetzel house has begun, but the painting crew is finishing several other jobs before they will begin. Pat also asked that as parishioners complete painting jobs they should be aware that the disposal of nearly empty paint cans should follow certain environmentally sound procedures.

The ad hoc renovation committee consisting of Bill Nicklas, Jane Ovitz, John Vain, Lynne Roberts, Steve Guziec and Pat Klein presented a rough prioritized list for discussion at the May Vestry meeting. Pursuant to the Vestry's direction on May 18, Bill presented some cost estimates for electrical repairs and the installation of a new fence at the rectory. The Vestry approved the estimate of Fence Sales of Sycamore in the amount of \$4,912 to remove and replace the picket fence at the Rectory. Additionally, the Vestry approved a commitment of up to \$4,999 for the following:

- a) replacement of the fans and light switches in the Waterman Hall restrooms;
- b) repair and, if necessary, replacement of the outside spot lights around the church;
- c) installation of new outlets in the sanctuary.

Further, the Vestry approved the expenditure of an additional \$4,999 for the replacement of the pendant Nave lighting with LED lighting using the same architectural fixture, and the installation of lower amperage LED lighting in the Altar area. This expense will be supported by an anonymous gift.

Caregivers Committee. The Committee meets every other month.

Christian Outreach Committee. Minutes of the June 14 meeting were distributed by Lynne Roberts.

Search Committee. July LaPorta reported that the Committee is working hard to complete the survey for the Diocese Office for Transitional Ministry (OTM). The next goal is the completion of the parish profile, possibly sometime in July.

6. Interim Rector's Report. Father Jim reported on a variety of different sacramental and liturgical duties he has performed on church property and in the community during the past month. The graveside burial service for Mabel Smith will take place on Friday, June 30, at Elmwood Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at Waterman Hall. Father Jim is performing services at Oak Crest Community Chapel once a month. Father Jim thanked those persons who helped him with the Pentecost service preparations. Father Jim will take some vacation in mid-August. Deacon Dee Goodale will be Officiant and Preacher for a service of Morning Prayer on Sunday, August 13. The Rev. Amy Fallon will be guest Celebrant and Preacher for Sunday, August 20.

7. Old Business. Office Computer System. John Vain reported we have a new, working system. At the last Vestry meeting, John recommended and the Vestry approved replacing the aged Apple system with a new Microsoft platform through Armor Technologies in DeKalb. The firm will support the email system as well as the Office package, Quick Books, and the proprietary Church Windows software as needed. The transition has now occurred and the Vestry expressed its appreciation for the efforts of John Vain and the office staff. Several memorial accounts will contribute to the cost of the replacement.

8. Executive Session. An executive session was held for personnel matters. The session began at 8:06 p.m. and ended at 8:28 p.m.

9. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. and closing prayer was led by Father Clement.

Respectfully submitted
Bill Nicklas, Senior Warden

Christian Outreach Committee

Red Bowl Offering

The Diocese of Renk Refugee Services, our designated May Red Bowl organization, will receive a check for \$563, \$300 from the Outreach Committee and \$263 from May Red Bowl offerings. Thank you for your generosity to the Global Mission of our Episcopal Companion Diocese!

There will be no collection for the Red Bowl Offering in the month of July.

The Kishwaukee College Literacy Program will be the designated Red Bowl Organization for the month of August. The Literacy Program has one purpose: to improve reading, math or English skills for adults whose literacy levels are below the 9th grade. This is accomplished through the matching of learners with volunteer tutors who, through the use of instructional materials and one-on-one or small group meetings, progress towards an agreed upon goal. The Adult Learners are offered a variety of options and can move quickly or take their time. Tutors are ordinary members of this community who volunteer to assist other members of the local community towards their literacy goals. Materials are provided and a meeting time and place is set to fit both the tutor and the learner. The learner sets the pace and the tutor provides the support. Both benefit from the goal success. Please consider donating to this educational effort towards literacy in our community by contributing to the August Red Bowl Offering.

Hope Haven Dinners

St. Peter's continues to provide a meal for the community homeless at Hope Haven on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Needed volunteers include a chair for each month and persons to prepare or purchase food items. Sign-up sheets for each month in 2017 are located in Waterman Hall. Plan ahead to help prepare a home-cooked meal for our area homeless this summer! Teens looking for something meaningful to fill some of their time during the summer school break are welcome to volunteer!

Sycamore Food Pantry

Food items collected at St. Peter's during July will be transported to the Sycamore Food Pantry located at the Sycamore United Methodist Church, and distributed to needy families in the area. The food pantry typically runs very low on donations during the summer months and through September. Please include the pantry in your weekly grocery shopping trips. Volunteers are needed to transport donations from St. Peter's to the Sycamore Food Pantry. This can be done on Sunday mornings, before 12 noon, or on any weekday. Food Pantry donations are being stored out of view in the old nursery, in order to keep Waterman Hall tidy. Food donations during the

month of August will be donated to Grace Place Campus Ministry. Look for a unique “top ten” list provided by Rev. Amy Fallon and the students of Grace Palace at NIU in August.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Watch for the sign-up opportunities in July to help deliver food to our community shut-ins during the month of August. Teens with Driver’s Licenses are also welcome to join in on this community project.

CROP WALK – OCTOBER 15, 2017

Turn your calendars to October and put down the Church World Service CROP Walk for Sunday, October 15. Plan to join a team from St. Peter’s to walk the DeKalb route. A rest stop at Grace Place Campus Ministry is on the route!

The next two meetings of the Christian Outreach Committee will be held Wednesday, July 12 and Wednesday, August 9 at 12 Noon, in Waterman Hall. Please feel free to join us!

Lynne Roberts

The Project at Elmwood Cemetery

During the month of May, contributions were solicited in order to make repairs at the Elmwood Cemetery gravesites of four of our former priests and the James S. Waterman family. Our sincere appreciation is expressed to those persons who donated for this cause. Because of the generosity of the parish, we were able to make these improvements:

The gravestones were scrubbed and cleaned, which made a huge difference in the appearance.

A new cement base was created so that the gravestones of Fr. and Mrs. Weichlein could be placed together in a location that is a distance away from the tree that had grown and shifted Mrs. Weichlein’s stone.

The flower urn at the Waterman gravesite was sandblasted; the rim around the top of the urn was repaired; and then the urn was painted. This work was voluntarily completed by Russ Josh, by Mark’s Machine Shop (Fuzzy and Eric Mathey) and by John Boies. A new cement base was also created since the previous base could not be leveled. The urn has now been moved to a new location and flowers have been planted.

These improvements were very much needed and the parish can be proud that we have provided for our former priests and for the Waterman family. Additional tasks will continue to be completed as funds allow and the parish will be informed of these further improvements. Donations are still being accepted. Questions about any facet of this project may be directed to Jane Ovitz, Barbara Weaver, John Boies, or Larry Dirst.

Larry Dirst



Nursery Schedule for July/August 2017

July 2017

- 2 Lindsey Neal and Cindy Vain
- 9 Lindsey Neal and Nancy Franke
- 16 Lindsey Neal and Jenny Sidmore
- 23 Lindsey Neal and Jean Evans
- 30 Lindsey Neal and Pat Klein

August 2017

- 6 Lindsey Neal and Larry Dirst
- 13 Lindsey Neal and Cindy Vain
- 20 Lindsey Neal and Nancy Franke
- 27 Lindsey Neal and Jenny Sidmore

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 2017

Birthdays

6 John Engstrom
8 Ryan Hill
10 Daniel Hulsey
11 Marcus Mommer
12 Shari Pearcy
15 Al Masco
16 James Whitfield
18 Robbie Hill
19 Trisha Drake
20 Drake Crittenden
22 Anne Ovitz Ayres
22 Helen Beamish
28 Mary Kowing
28 Denielle Noe
31 Carol Quitno
31 Seth Kates

Anniversaries

19 Michael and Cecilia Grimson
20 Pam and Stan Bradford
26 Ann and John Engstrom

August 2017

Birthdays

1 James Wilson
1 Susan Frost
5 Harriet George
8 John T. Vain
8 Michael Grimson
8 Justin Maahs
13 David Ayres
14 Alexander Harley
15 Grant Mommer
16 Regan Mommer
16 Cynthia Dorband
17 Amy Fallon
18 Natalie Hulseberg
19 Krista Kates
23 Nancy Franke
24 Landon Egler
25 Sarah Burke
25 Quinn Carrier
28 Virginia Poust Wirsing
29 Peter Grimson

Anniversaries

4 Jean Evans & Jerry Lane
11 Debra & John Woodstrup
14 Shari & Thomas Pearcy
16 Mary Glynn & John Boies
17 John & Nancy Castle
18 Brenda & Matthew Bailey



Reminder About The Calendar

The Parish Calendar is now on the Parish Website.
This calendar is updated on a regular basis.

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Prayer Corner

For the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. *Amen.*

For the Search Committee

We pray for our Search Committee as they assess the needs of our congregation and evaluate candidates for Rector. Grant them open minds, perceptive hearts, balance and integrity in their work together, responsiveness to all points of view and unity of purpose. Help them to recognize that your guiding hand is in their midst ready to reveal that which they should do. Help them to listen and respond with open hearts, to the honor and praise of your Name. Amen.

<p><i>Parish Register</i></p> <p><i>Confirmation</i></p> <p>Jimmie Allen Gregory</p> <p><i>Reception</i></p> <p>Billy Eugene Clem, Jr.</p>



Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles

To dedicate Altar Flowers or a Sanctuary Candle for a Sunday in 2017, please sign up on the reservation sheets on the bulletin board just outside the

Parish Office. Then fill out the dedication form and turn it in to the office.

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The Parish Vision Statement

Red doors open for growth and renewal, where we find ourselves and others transformed.

The Parish Mission Statement

To be an inclusive fellowship growing in the Holy Spirit, nurturing the burdened and the joyous, reaching out to our communities and God's world.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2nd Sunday after 9am - Holy Eucharist- 10am - Coffee Hour 1pm - Curricula Updates</p>		<p>8:30pm - Parish</p>	<p>8:30am - Morning 9:30am - Morning 2pm - Hippic Halfon 7pm - Search</p>		<p>11am - Funeral - Min.</p>	
<p>3rd Sunday after 9am - Holy Eucharist- 10am - Coffee Hour</p>		<p>Indepndence Day</p>	<p>8:30am - Morning</p>			
<p>4th Sunday after 9am - Holy Eucharist- 10am - Coffee Hour</p>	<p>7pm - Buildings - 4</p>	<p>9:30am - Book Club @ 2pm - Oak Creek</p>	<p>8:30am - Morning 9:30am - Prayer</p>			
<p>5th Sunday after 9am - Holy Eucharist- 10am - Coffee Hour</p>			<p>8:30am - Morning</p>			
<p>6th Sunday after 9am - Holy Eucharist- 10am - Coffee Hour</p>			<p>8:30am - Morning 2pm - Hippic Halfon</p>			
<p>7th Sunday after 9am - Holy Eucharist- 10am - Coffee Hour</p>						
<p>8th Sunday after 9am - Holy Eucharist- 10am - Coffee Hour</p>		<p>9:30am - Book Club @</p>	<p>8:30am - Morning</p>			

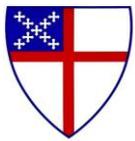
DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	READER 1	READER 2	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
2 July	9:00	Christal Guziec	Henry Vincent	Amita Biletzky	Jane Ovitz	Pat Klein	LaPorta/Wilson	Bill Nicklas
9 July	9:00	Phil Montgomery	Henry Vincent	Jean Evans	Judy Dertloff	Chris Noe	Vains	Shela Lahey
16 July	9:00	Amita Biletzky	Bill Nicklas	Dcn. D. Goodale	Jean Evans	Barb Weaver	Engstroms	John Engstrom
23 July	9:00	Pat Klein	Amita Biletzky	Dcn. D. Goodale	Chis Noe	Judy Dertloff	Vains	Shela Lahey
30 July	9:00	Pat Klein	Bill Nicklas	Dcn. D. Goodale	Judy Dertloff	Barb Weaver	Engstroms	John Engstrom
6 August	10:00	Parish Picnic	n/a	TBA	TBA	TBA	n/a	TBA
13 August	9:00	Morning Prayer	Henry Vincent	n/a	Larry Dirst	Jean Evans	Engstroms	Phil Montgomery
20 August	9:00	Phil Montgomery	Henry Vincent	Bill Nicklas	Judy Dertloff	Chis Noe	Vains	Dcn. D. Goodale
27 August	9:00	Pat Klein	Amita Biletzky	Larry Dirst	Jean Evans	Larry Dirst	Vains	Shela Lahey

Sunday Readings in July/August, 2017

<p>Sunday, July 2 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jeremiah 28: 5-9 Psalm 89: 1-4; 15-18 Romans 6: 12-23 Matthew 10: 40-42</p>	<p>Sunday, July 23 <i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Isaiah 44: 6-8 Psalm 85: 11-17 Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-33, 36-43</p>	<p>Sunday, August 13 <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 1 Kings 19: 9-18 Psalm 85: 8-13 Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33</p>
<p>Sunday, July 9 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Zechariah 9: 9-12 Psalm 145: 8-15 Romans 7: 15-25a Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30</p>	<p>Sunday, July 30 <i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 1 Kings 3: 5-12 Psalm 119: 129-136 Romans 8: 26-39 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52</p>	<p>Sunday, August 20 <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28</p>
<p>Sunday, July 16 <i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Isaiah 55: 10-13 Psalm 65: (1-8) 9-14 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23</p>	<p>Sunday, August 6 <i>The Transfiguration</i> Exodus 34: 29-35 Psalm 99 or 99: 5-9 2 Peter 1: 13-21 Luke 9: 28-36</p>	<p>Sunday, August 27 <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Isaiah 51: 1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20</p>

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