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**November 2021**

## **THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR**

### **THE CHIMES**

## **Dean's Desk**

I am starting my third month as the Dean of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour. I have been commuting from Kasson, MN. The moving date for Carol and me is December 1, 2021. It will be nice to be settled in Faribault, MN before our typical Minnesota winter.

I have noticed the last month that the Covid-19 suspended period at the First Cathedral was hard on everyone. My goal next year is to promote one fun event each month. I give credit for this idea to my Executive Assistant, Missy Donkers. Here are the fun events the next three months at the Cathedral.

### **The Community Café Gala**

The Looney Lutherans

Saturday, November 13, 6:00 pm

Location: The Cathedral, The Cloister & Bishop Gilbert Dining Hall

There will be entertainment, finger food and beverages.

## **Holiday Christmas Stroll**

Friday, December 17, 5:00 pm

Five downtown Faribault Churches including the Cathedral, First English and the River will travel to each faith community to sing Christmas carols and enjoy treats. Participants will strolling and caroling from church to church, weather permitting. This is a free event.

## **First Cathedral Annual Meeting**

Sunday, January 23, 2022, after church, 11:30 am

We will have an Epiphany Cake, potluck, & a white elephant present exchange.

These are all the very fun events to put on your calendar.

Yours in God's Peace

Fr. Jim.



Happy Veterans Day to our soldiers, both past and present. We owe you our thanks, but more than that, we owe you our freedom.

# From The Deacon's Bench

Dear Beloved Community,

I would like to talk about "brokenness" and how we were taught to throw broken things away because something broken is weak and ugly and useless in our culture.

Our cultural ideals are based on a Western Greek culture which saw beauty and perfection in balance, proportion, strength and wholeness. This culture also saw things that are unbalanced and disproportionate as weak and broken.

It is also important to discover that this perspective represents only one world view. Eastern cultures define beauty differently, Japanese culture finds beauty in things that are broken and defines beauty by incompleteness, impermanence, and imperfection. For Eastern culture beauty is in brokenness...and WE ARE ALL BROKEN - with pre-existing conditions, or cancer or heart disease or chronic pain or anxiety or depression or poor physical fitness.

In our early years, we certainly didn't learn to value weakness let alone willingly embrace it. In fact, most of the time, we felt we needed to hide those flaws not only from others but also from ourselves.

Brokenness is not something we aspire to, and yet it is the paradox of our brokenness that connects us to each other; that lets us know how incomplete we are and how much we need each other.

I think it is difficult when we are young and strong and feeling invincible to accept brokenness as a strength. It is in the wisdom gained from our fears, struggles, disappointments and personal failures that we begin to accept the failures of others with compassion and understanding.

It is in our broken moments that we are able to begin to love others with their flaws and open ourselves to let others love us in our brokenness,

And, in the embrace of brokenness and of our cracks and flaws, we experience the unconditional love of God. Where there is brokenness there is grace...and God's perfection.

And my dear friends, love your brokenness because that is where the light shines through.



A reading from Psalm 34

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,  
and saves the crushed in spirit.  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD rescues them from them all.

A meaningful life  
is not being rich  
being highly educated  
or being perfect

it is being real  
being humble, being strong  
and being able to share ourselves  
and touch the lives of others

It is only then that we  
could have a full, happy  
and contented life  
~Kim Ong

Blessings,  
Deacon Bonnie

Let us pray:

O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us in our brokenness. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world. Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God, Amen.



# Bishop's Letter

## Four Priorities

At ECMN convention in September of 2020, Bishop Loya introduced four priorities that will shape our life together. Explore them below.

### Learn More

<https://episcopalmn.org/>



## Discipleship

Daily practices that help us follow Jesus as our whole way of life.

## Faithful Innovation

Joining the Spirit in new ways to proclaim and live out the gospel.

## Justice

Becoming the Beloved Community.

## Congregational Vitality

Thriving faith communities of all sizes in all places.

Grace and Peace,  
**The Right Reverend Craig Loya**  
X Bishop  
Episcopal Church in Minnesota

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Minnesota news: [https://  
episcopalmn.org/](https://episcopalmn.org/)





# THANKFULNESS

O give thanks to the Lord;  
for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
I Chronicles 16:34

Daily, I thank God for life. When I rise from bed, when I look at myself in the mirror, I say, "Thank you, Lord, for giving me another day. Often throughout the day, I say aloud or to myself, "Thank you, Lord for..." or "Thanks be to God..." God is Good! God blesses me constantly. In word and deed, I strive to express thankfulness to God, earthly companions, and those who have gone before me. I thank God for you, my beloved Cathedral family. I have been ever grateful to you for making my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday amazing and thus fondly memorable. Your generous abundance of goodness and love to and for me melts my heart. I respect you, care about, and love you.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God  
in Christ Jesus for you.  
I Thessalonians 5:18

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I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME

COMMUNITY CAFE  
CHARITY FUNDRAISER  
A CANDLELIGHT  
CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 13, 2021  
CATHEDRAL OF OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR  
515 2ND AVE NW FARIBAULT

6:00-Hors d' oeuvre and Cash Bar

7:30-Loony Lutheran Christmas Comedy

8:30-Dessert and Raffle

Advanced Tickets \$30 Contact Missy @ 507-334-7732; Karen @ 507-332-8372;  
Dave @ 507-210-4066; Cindy @ 507-323-4272

**It is through generous community donations that  
our mission is accomplished**

**HOLD THE LUTEFISK:** It's Beginning to Smell a Lot Like Christmas  
This trio of warm, witty women help the audience enjoy the spirit of  
the season, the Lutheran way. (But you don't have to be Lutheran to  
love 'em.)

*"Building community one meal at a time"*

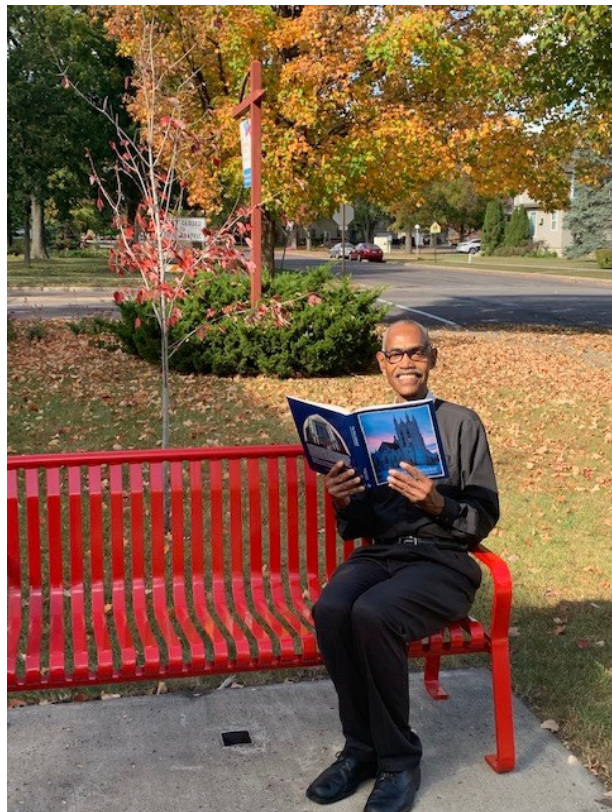
## November Birthdays



- 1 Vyron Muchow
- 10 Mary Lou Lockwood
- 10 Piper Zrust
- 15 Carol Kingsley
- 15 Landon Babcock
- 20 Carol Zotalis
- 23 Lauren Dudley
- 23 Alan Kingsley



The Cathedral Family presented Father Henry with a beautiful red bench for his 70th Birthday. The bench was placed on the north side of the building looking at the bell tower. Be on the look out for Father Henry sitting on his bench visiting with the Faribault Community members walking or driving by.





# Southeast Mission Area Meeting Minutes

Report from The Rev. John Sullivan

San Jose Obrero Financial Report. 2020 and 2021

At the beginning of 2020 we had a balance of \$1,205.31 (checking)

In 2020 we received a total of \$3,455 in donations from faith communities in the SEMA and from individuals.

We paid Padre Neptali a total of \$2,131.1 for pastoral care and mileage. This was the total of our expensed as Covid made it impossible to hold services at Montgomery.

At the beginning of 2021 we had a balance of \$2,529.22.

In 2021 we spent a total of \$6,308. We paid Neptali his stipend for services, mileage, and for pastoral care. We paid Andrew for music. We purchased new items for worship.

In 2021 we received \$10,043 in donations from faith communities in the SEMA, all of ECMN, some individuals, and from the plate offering taken at the Mission of San Jose Obrero.

We served between 9 and 16 people at every service. Many of these people were those we've seen from year to year and we saw a few new faces too. We celebrated a Baptism when the Bishop visited on August 29.

We closed our season on October 3. The workers there told us that they would be going home in 3 to 7 days from Sunday.

We currently have a balance of \$3,383.47 (checking) and a balance of \$2,400.83 (savings).



## New Website

The Cathedral website is getting a long overdue makeover. Our Audio Video Specialist Travis Kath has been given the task of creating a more modern, user friendly website for us. The plan is to have it up and running on December 1. Our old website is no longer useable. We apologize for any inconvenience this cause. We will try our best to keep you up to date on Facebook and through emails until the new website is active.

# The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour Capital Campaign

We are over half way into our three year commitment to our Capital Campaign Fund Drive. Our last letter of the year will go out the end of November. We have been sending out letters to our Friends and Members across the United States for almost two years. A lot of our donations come with a note of a special memory of the Cathedral. Our Cathedral is something to be cherished. Thank you all for continued support!



## 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FARIBAULT AREA CROP WALK

*Put on love, and your life will be like a house built on rock,  
your journey will be joyful,  
because you will find friends to journey with you.*  
Pope Francis

On Saturday morning, October 2, 2021, the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Faribault Area CROP Walk took place on the streets of our beloved community. Twelve of us from five faith communities participated and raised \$13,022.16, of which yours truly collected \$1,315.00. 25% of the proceeds will go to the Divine Mercy Chapter of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Heartfelt thanks to my beloved sponsors!

Fr. Henry

# Upcoming Events

- November 2, Staff Meeting, 10:00 am
- November 6, Decorate for Christmas, 9:00 am (Ladies Guild providing food)
- November 7, Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra, 3:00 pm, The Cathedral
- November 11, Veterans Day – Office Closed  
Nursing Home Visits (Emeralds, Pleasant Manor & New Perspective)
- Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm
- November 13, Community Café Gala, 6:00 pm, The Cathedral
- November 14, Stewardship Sunday
- November 20, Outdoor Cleanup, 9:00 am (Ladies Guild providing food)
- November 24, Thanksgiving
- December 4, Wedding
- December 9, Nursing Homes (Emeralds, Pleasant Manor & New Perspective)  
Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm
- December 15, Friendship House Christmas Party
- December 17, Christmas Stroll ( More details to follow)
- December 19, Christmas Pageant (during the service)
- December 20, AAUW Christmas Party
- December 24, Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm
- December 25, Christmas Day
- December 31, New Years Eve



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