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THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR THE CHIMES

Dean's Desk

We are starting the Chimes Newsletter again at the First Cathedral. This has been a long tradition for more than 100 years. The Cathedral has always been a special place for me. I was ordained to the priesthood in January 1988. I was the Dean from 2001 to 2013. Now I have hired by the Chapter as the part time Dean. I look forward to this challenge! We have much work to do after Covid 19. We will start a new Chapter in reviving the Cathedral by using our creative energy to discover a different strategy to be a faith community vital in the nature in the Faribault community. My wife Carol and I purchased a home in Faribault and will slowly move in through the next couple of months. I will be available for pastoral care, Sunday services, Cathedral meetings and joining various organizations in the community.

Lets start to pray for revival in this sacred place we call the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour. If you want to visit, please call me at 504-412-1689.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim

Deacon Bonnie Holt

As a member of the staff at The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour we have been asked to write a letter of introduction to our community, and tell you who we are and what our role is as a staff member here at the Cathedral and something about who we are. As most of you know, my name is Deacon Bonnie Holt and my main ministry at the cathedral has been pastoral care for the past 23 years. I also serve the deacon's ministry in the Sunday liturgy; proclaiming the Gospel, prayers of the people, bidding the confession and saying the dismissal.

Now I need to tell you something about "just Bonnie." Every spring, for the last 23 years in the season of Easter, our bishop sends a letter and invites the deacons and priests to a time of discernment of the best future fit for the use of our gifts for ministry. The questions; do your unique set of gifts and skills match up with the needs of your faith community? Has there been another faith community you've imagined where that might happen more fully? Please take some time in thought and prayer to reflect on this invitation. I would like to hear your thoughts. With reflection and input from your response we will determine where you will serve starting in the fall.

This my response to the bishop's letter!

I still remember well answering this question at my ordination: 'Do you believe that you are truly called by God and the Church to the life and work of a Deacon? My response was then, and still is, yes. I believe I am so called.' Over the years that 'yes' has become an essential part of who I am...and I am still becoming. God is not finished with me yet.

I believe with all my heart that I am still serving this call with faith and joy here In this faith community where my bishop assigned me many years ago. I have not imagined a call to serve in a new community nor would I be at peace leaving this place. For me, my heart is here with these people, to be a part of the mission to serve and to be Jesus' healing hands in this place. I am a "senior among seniors" who wishes to serve this community and my bishop as deacon here in this community as long as I have health and heart and mind to be a visible presence of God's love. I sincerely believe that the gifts I have still match with the needs of this community. I continue to discern ways in which I offer my gifts within this faith community, and with God's help will continue to do so.

Bishop's Letter

Beloved in Christ,

This past Saturday, we confirmed seventeen people from two congregations and baptized four children at St. Paul's in Duluth. This evening, ten more people will be confirmed from four congregations at a gathering at St. Matthew's in St. Paul. I've presided over fifteen or so services like that since becoming bishop. They are loud, joyful, and the Holy Spirit is palpably present. Despite all the challenges in front of us, the joy, love, and commitment that stands behind each of them convince me beyond any doubt that God is not done with our church yet. I get to come for the party, but the hours and hours of effort you all put into caring for and building up your congregations isn't lost on me for a second. Whether you gather with a group of three on Sunday morning or a group of many hundreds, don't ever forget that your efforts matter so very much to God. I've worshipped in both contexts, and the Spirit's presence is equally known and powerful in both, and every other context besides.

The thing that strikes me most during confirmation liturgies is the unmistakable reality that the journey of faith is not one we can make alone. We renew our baptismal promises together. We commit to supporting one another along the way. That, at the end of the day, is what is so unmistakably clear to me in these visitations: the people of ECMN really do support one another and share life in Jesus in real and meaningful ways. What a gift we have been given in one another. What a gift to have been given the high calling of continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, repenting and returning to Jesus, seeking Christ in all persons, striving for justice and peace, together. I thank God to count each of you as a companion on the way.

Grace and Peace,

The Right Reverend Craig Loya
X Bishop
Episcopal Church in Minnesota



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Role of the Junior Warden of The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour

I was asked to write an article about my role as the junior warden of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour. A junior warden is responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and grounds of the Cathedral Complex. The beautiful and historic Cathedral complex requires numerous volunteers to keep up the maintenance. The Cathedral family is blessed to have many gifted and supportive individuals that help with the lawn care, flower gardens, snow removal, cleaning and repairs. The Buildings and Grounds Committee - Gary Andersen, John Andrews, Pat Dudley, Mary Lou Lockwood and I meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 4:30 in the Cathedral Cloister or Zoom. If interested in joining us please contact me at (507-210-7985). Some of the major repairs noted on the Historical Structures report in 2017 were roof replacement, chimney repair, masonry repair, electrical replacement, and stained glass window repair. There are other repairs needed like organ repair and floor covering replacement not mentioned on the Historical Structures Report. The Cathedral Grant Committee - John Andrews, June Muchow and Angela Sammon (grant writer) and MacDonald & Mack (architect company) have been working with the Minnesota Historical Society to obtain funding for these repairs. The Capital Campaign Committee - Father Henry Doyle, Pat Dudley and Missy Donkers have been also instrumental in obtaining funds for these projects. My role as junior warden is to work with Dean Zotalis and Jan Batchelder (senior warden) to make sure the Cathedral family is informed and everything runs smoothly at the services and throughout the week. As a junior warden I serve on the Community Cafe board , and communicate with NA and Triumphant Life , organizations that have building agreements with the Cathedral. God has made us , so we can have a relationship with him and others. There are 56 commands in the Bible that include one another, here are a few : Love one another, care for one another, help one another, encourage one another, share with one another and pray for one another. God has given the Cathedral family a wonderful place to meet and fulfill these commands, not just in the Cathedral family but in the Faribault community and the world.

Yours in Christ's Love,

June Muchow - Junior Warden of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour

Role as President of The Guild of the Good Shepherd

The Guild of the Good Shepherd is an organization which consists of women of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour. The Guild originated in 1864 with the ladies of the Cathedral hosting a Ice Cream Social to raise money for an organ for the Bishops Church. My role as president is to guide and help organize outreach projects, such as : Red Cross Blood Drives, Migrant Ministry Meals, and Habitat for Humanity Meals. The guild serves a number of meals , such as: Delta Gamma dinners, Quilt Show lunches, funeral lunches, spring and fall clean up lunches, coffee hour, and Merner concert refreshments. The Guild is very blessed to have so many great cooks that donate their tasty baked goods and give of their time to help with these events. With the proceeds of these events, the Guild helps with the maintenance of the Cathedral, such as purchasing rugs, cleaning and sealing kitchen floors, and new dining room curtains and cushions. As president of the Guild I try to organize one fun outing a year, as a reward for all the ladies hard work throughout the year. In August of 2021 16 women attended the Chanhassen Dinner Theater for lunch and the play "Music Man". The Guild meets the second Saturday of the Month at 9:30 in the Cathedral Cloister. Please come and enjoy good treats and good fellowship!

June Muchow



Merner Mini Jazz Festival

September 24, 25 & 26

Tickets are \$20 for all three concerts.

3 day music festival at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour

September 24, 7:00 pm – Jivin' Ivan and the King of Swing

September 25, 7:00 pm – Southside Acres

September 26, 1:00 pm – Café Accordion Orchestra



Office Administrator

I am beginning my 16^h year at the Cathedral. I started working here as the Bookkeeper when my youngest son started kindergarten. When the previous Secretary retired, I took over her responsibilities. My husband Scott and I have 4 adult children. My roles at the Cathedral include keeping the books, running the office and helping to assist the clergy and Chapter in whatever they ask of me. I enjoy greeting and working with all the various people that walk through our doors. When I'm not at the Cathedral I enjoy working in my garden, cooking, traveling, and reading.

Missy Donkers



ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the altar and church for all services; including Sundays, weddings, funerals and special occasions; cleaning up afterwards; maintaining the altar linens and acolyte/ LEM robes and ordering supplies. I lead a team of eleven ladies who take turns during the year handling those duties. Personally, I am a single retired banker who enjoys reading, counted cross stitch embroidery and traveling. I have been part of the Cathedral and Faribault since 1959 when my family moved here.

Candy Greeley



Community Cafe

The Community Café continues to provide delicious and healthy meals to the Faribault community. They have stepped up and adjusted to Covid-19 protocols and continue to serve curbside and to deliver meals to those in need. They are serving over 300 people each week. They are a true blessing to Faribault and the Cathedral Communities. They are always welcome to new volunteers. If you are interested contact Dave (507-210-4066).

September Birthdays



- 1 Marissa Babcock
- 4 Kelly Frankenfield
- 7 Henry Doyle
Brooklyn Zrust
- 9 Eric Zrust
- 19 Brynn Babcock



September Anniversaries



- 3 Ron & Connie Reineke
- 3 Warren & Sarah Babcock
- 11 Steve & Donna Bremer
- 23 John & Mary Lynn Andrews
- 26 Roy & Myrna Winjum

Father Henry Doyle's 70th Birthday Party !!!!!!!!!!!

Please come and help celebrate Father Henry Doyle's 70th Birthday!

September 12th, 2021 - Open House - 11:00 - 12:00

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Please join us for a church service at 10:00 , Father Henry will be presiding.

Please come and celebrate a man who serves his community with God's Love !

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Stories from the First Cathedral

The Rev Canon James C Zotalis

August 24, 2021

It seems everyone I have written about has died and the stories originate from the First Cathedral's past. The last few stories have centered around women. This week is about a living woman -- June Muchow. June is the current Junior Warden at the First Cathedral along with several other titles and she is engaged in duties too many to count. June grew up in Faribault and is married with children, grandchildren, and grand doggies. She worked at the state school for the mentally impaired. When the school turned into a medium security prison, June didn't panic, but became a prison guard. During my first term as Dean, I was involved in prison ministry and conducted worship services in the facility. I saw Miss June in action. She demanded respect and she got it from even the toughest offenders.

When June retired from the prison, she put heart into the First Cathedral. With Covid-19 replacing church activities, June became the guardian of the entire fabric of the Cathedral. She spearheads the capital project maintaining the three buildings (Cathedral 1862, Cloister 2005, and Guild House 1894) by seeking and securing grants and other donated funds. June directs special events, coffee hour, the Women's Guild, the buildings and ground committee, the Covid regathering plan, and the San Jose Obrero ministry. She is also a member of the Community Cafe board, gives Cathedral tours, assists with the sound board during services -- the list goes on and on!

A tradition that ended when I left the Cathedral in 2013 was an award called the "Dean's Cross" given to men or women who gave many hours to the First Cathedral in servanthood.

When I reinstate the Dean's Cross at the 2022 Annual Meeting, who will receive it? You guess!

Thanks, Jim



Rice County Piecemakers Fall Splendor Quilt Show

Friday, September 16 & Saturday, September 17
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Ladies Guild will be serving a delicious lunch for \$10 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Upcoming Events

September 9, Nursing Home Visits
September 9, Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm
September 11, Guild Meeting, 9:30 am
September 12, Father Henry's 70th Birthday Party
September 17 & 18, Rice County Piecemakers Quilt Show
September 21, Staff Meeting, 10:00 am
September 24, Merner Mini Jazz Festival
 Jivin' Ivan & The Kings of Swing, 7:00 pm
September 25, Merner Mini Jazz Festival
 Southside Aces, 7:00 pm
September 26, Merner Mini Jazz Festival
 Café Accordion Orchestra, 1:00 pm
October 2, Crop Walk
October 2, Anne Mullinax- Jones Memorial Service
October 3, Pet Blessing
(Bring your pets to our 10:00 am Service)

Adult Forum

We will kick off Adult Forum on September 26 at 9:00 am. We will be reading the book, *The Post Quarantine Church: Six Urgent Challenges and Opportunities That Will Determine the Future of Your Congregation* by Thom S. Rainer. Books



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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – Noon.

Music News

We have a new Choir Director and Organist, Andrew DeZiel. Choir practice has started and meets each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Contact Andrew at dez-ielandrew@gmail.com if you have musical talents you would like to share.

The Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior and Climate Change

By Joel Raaen

Deacon Bonnie, knowing I was asked to write an article regarding the Cathedral's role regarding climate change, sent me an email that included the following Carl Sagan quote, "Anything else you're interested in is not going to happen if you can't breathe the air or drink the water. Don't sit this one out. Do something."

The greatest issue facing the people of our time is climate change. Man made climate change is not a political issue. It's true that some of the power people in the fossil fuel industry has tried to make it political by providing support for some politicians who have oil, gas and coal industries in their states and by putting out false information about the effect of carbon release on our environment.

Recently the United Nations released a report on the effect of human carbon release on our earth. Over a hundred of the finest climate and environmental scientists in the world concluded that we are in a "code red" situation. What that means is unless we make dramatic changes in our lifestyles, large segments of the earth will become uninhabitable for humans. Coastal areas with large populations will go under water. Deserts will continue to grow. Where will the people who live in these areas go?

Climate and environmental scientists have been studying man's influence on the earth for years. Many of the situations they have predicted are now happening including the melting of glaciers, which is the source of water for most of the world's people.

Another prediction was severe drought conditions, which have led to the forest fires that have made the air difficult to breathe for many people.

The only thing that the scientists may have missed is how fast our abuse of that natural environment is destroying the earth's hospitability for our species.

The good news is that it is not too late to do something if we choose to. The role the legitimate church could play in providing spiritual and moral guidance through this climate crisis cannot be underestimated.

Very few politicians are going to tell the truth as to the changes we as people are going to have to make. There are huge economic interests who will fight tooth and nail against changing from a carbon-based economy to a clean sustainable one.

I've always looked to the legitimate church as a source of truth and light through confusing times. When one considers that one of the main reasons Christ was murdered was because He chose to speak truth to the powerful religious leaders of his time seems to make it imperative that a church that was created in his name should speak truth to powerful people who care little about God's creation.

I love our building, the ceremonies and music that occur within our walls. All of them, however, are man-made. The earth we walk on, the water we drink and the air we breathe were all created by God. As we struggle to keep our buildings and ceremonies alive it seems to me that we should be struggling to keep the very planet we live on viable for humankind.

The first thing that the church needs to do is help people understand the issue rather than pretend it doesn't exist. The church has the potential of becoming relevant for young people if it becomes the institution that is leading the fight for them and their children's future.

An idea that I wish that spiritual leaders would embrace is that "We don't inherit the earth from our fore fathers, we borrow it from our great grandchildren."

The thought of taking care of mother earth and looking after God's creation seems consistent with our religious teaching.

We have a choice of actually doing something like the church leaders of England when they took on the powerful economic interests to end the slave trade or we can become as irrelevant as the Christian church of Germany that did nothing to stop the Nazi takeover.

If we choose to do nothing on the major issue of our time, there simply may be no time for our grandchildren.





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