



Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour
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December 2021

THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR

THE CHIMES

Dean's Desk

Looking at the inside of the Cathedral buildings...Christmas has come! We decorated during the season of Advent because we celebrated the Gala for the Community Café on Saturday, November 13. The Gala was a great success, over 200 people from the Faribault Community enjoyed an evening of goodies to eat, participation of a raffle of holiday baskets and laughing as a group with the Looney Lutherans entertaining.

We have much to look forward to in December with the Christmas Stroll, festive music and services, a Christmas Sunday School Pageant and Christmas Eve Liturgies!

The dilemma in every faith congregation is trying to promote community yet be sensitive in the spread of the latest Covid variant. We hope to be good stewards of prevention. This means we will continue the same protocol in our services. This means mask wearing, a paper liturgy, social distancing, and the long distance "peace of the Lord". The Eucharist will also continue with wafer and small cups of wine. I also endorse vaccines. I have taken my booster and flu shots. Christmas is the time to give presents. I believe the vaccine is the best gift to give to our society to prevent the spread of the disease! Remember our first commandment... "love the Lord God with all your heart, mind and soul". The second is "love your neighbor as yourself".

Christmas is a time of giving and celebrating the ultimate gift from God in the birth of a baby, who was Christ our Saviour.

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Jim

From The Deacon's Bench

Dear Beloved Community,

On November 13, 2021 at 3:32 I lost my partner and companion of 62 years and 9 months. A husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle quietly slipped away like the vanishing ghost horses of a Minnesota dawn.

We said our broken hearted good-byes as a family on November 14, 2021 and we said our communal good-byes again with friends and neighbors on November 19, 2021. And we, his family, have been saying the longest good-bye every day for the last several years. He struggled with progressive dementia or Alzheimer's or whatever you call the thief that robs loved ones of memory and cognitive processing. He was a gifted carpenter who no longer could remember how to build; a meticulous financial overseer who no longer could balance a checkbook; a former Twin Cities commuter who no longer could remember how to get to his brother's house in our small town; a husband who couldn't remember that his wife was downstairs sewing or outside watering flowers and went looking for her because he thought she was lost.

These were the initial birthplaces of grief, of unwanted good-byes as small brittle pieces of memory broke off in front of us, and small pieces of confidence began to slip away. Yet surprisingly, as his world became smaller he remained upbeat...content to read his morning paper even though he couldn't retain what he read but said he just "liked reading the words." He watched every kind of team and ball game without knowing who was playing or winning but the joy was in the act of spectatorship and it still felt normal.

It was we who struggled, powerless to intervene, powerless to halt the losses, grieving the role reversals, becoming exhausted by the 24/7 care taking responsibilities, struggling with maintaining hope, patience and understanding. In poet Mary Oliver's words, it felt "like a box of darkness."

"Someone I loved once
gave me a box of darkness
it took me years to understand
this, too, was a gift."

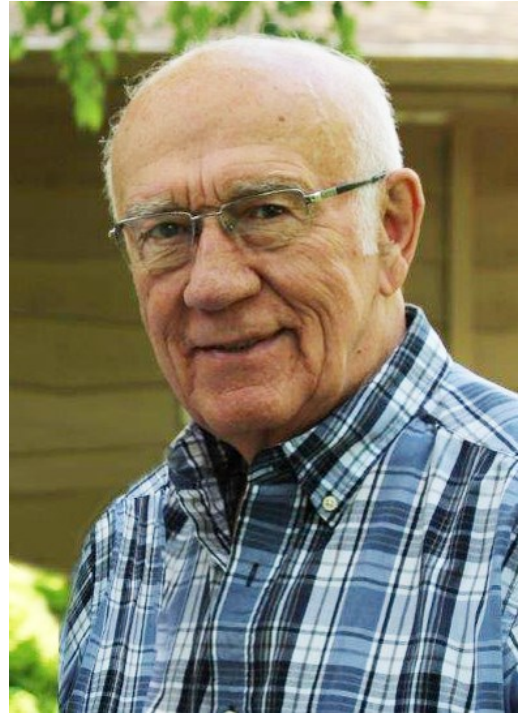
His last days at the Palliative Care Unit at the VA were peaceful, full of attentive care by the medical staff and vigilant care by our children and their spouses.

We shall remember and grieve and celebrate the gift of his life to us, his family. And I shall celebrate with my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren the importance of loving others and life despite pain and losses. In my favorite poet Mary Oliver's words:

To live in this world you must be able to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go, let it go."

So, my dear family and friends, you graced me with your support and comfort, you strengthened me and cheered me on; I bless you for your loving kindness. May the Lord of us all continue to bless each and every one of you. I couldn't have done this without you.

Faithfully,
Deacon Bonnie



Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra

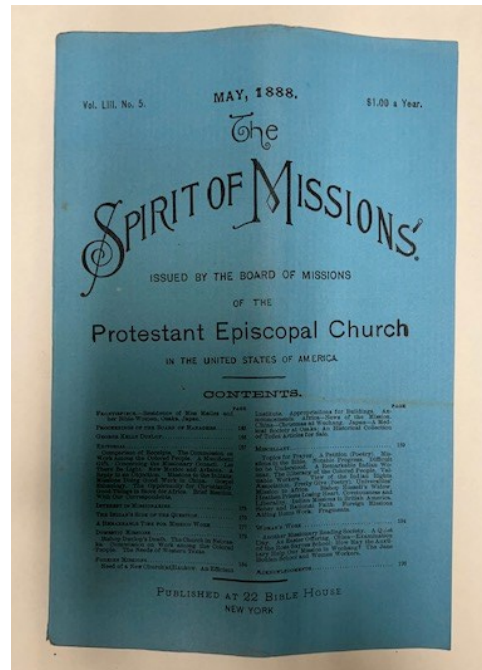


On November 7 we were blessed with the Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra's beautiful music. This ensemble is made of talented musicians from Faribault and Northfield. The concert featured Composer, Reinaldo Moya and Soloist, Francesca Anderegg.

Hidden Treasure

Johnston Hall cornerstone reveals time capsule with documents not seen in 133 years.

Last month Johnston Hall was taken down. A time capsule with historic artifacts was discovered. Father Jim from the Cathedral along with representatives from Shattuck- St. Mary's and the Rice County Historical Society were invited to come and view the items. The Cathedral is now the home to several of the items. We hope to have them on exhibit in the near future.



Johnston Hall Time Capsule

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

Check out Episcopal Church in
Minnesota news: [https://
episcopalmn.org/](https://episcopalmn.org/)



Christmas Decorating at the Cathedral



Cathedral Christmas Decorating

We had a fabulous time! We had about 15 Cathedral members and 5 Community Cafe volunteers that helped with the decorating. The Ladies Guild served chicken and wild rice and ham and potato soup with sandwiches. It was a wonderful day at the Cathedral.



The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour
Presents the 2022
Merner Classical Concert Series

All Concerts are at 1:00 pm
at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour
141 6th Street NW, Faribault MN



Sonora Winds
Woodwind Trio
February 13, 2022



Linda Chatterton & Rachel Brandwein
Flute & Harp
February 27, 2022



Soojung Hung
The Music of Fanny Mendelssohn
March 13, 2022



Alexander's Ragtime Brass
Movie Music
March 27, 2022

Tickets are \$20 for the 2022 Season
(Tickets can be purchased in the Cathedral Office, from a Cathedral
Member or at the door before the performance)

December Birthdays



21 Kyler Reuvers
27 Chris Rodewald

Advent

Sunday, December 19 we will have two special events during our 10:00 am Service. We will have a Festival of Lessons and Carols and a Christmas Pageant featuring the children of the Cathedral.



Advent Stroll

Friday, December 17, 2021

5 to 7:00pm

A Tour of Churches

Beautifully Decorated Filled with Music

"Awaiting the "Child"

Our Hosts for the evening:

5:00 pm First English Lutheran Church

204 2nd Street NW 507-334-4389

5:30 pm The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour

515 2nd Ave. NW 507-334-7732

6:15 pm The River Community Church

528 4th Ave. NW 507-334-1897

Walk or Drive. Treats at each church

No reservations No Fee

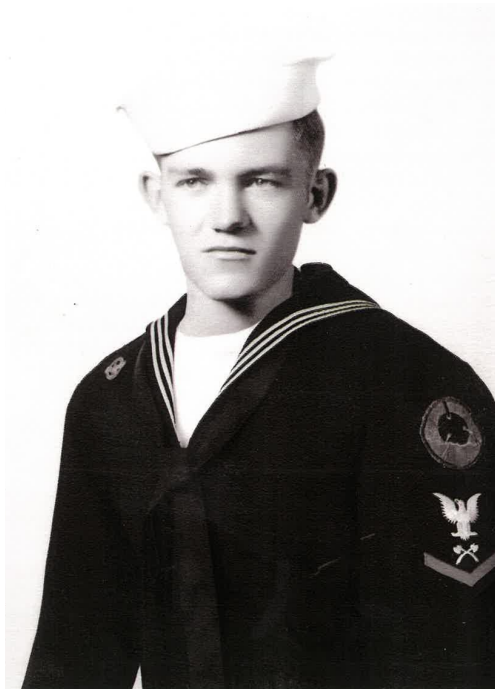


Last month we celebrated Veteran's Day. The Cathedral is very fortunate to have several members who served our country, including Gary Andersen and Jim Glynn.



Gary Andersen

Jim Glynn



New Website

The new website (www.faribaultcathedral.com) is almost done and should be completed within the week. On it you will be able to stream live services, check out upcoming events, as well as learn more about the history of The Cathedral. In the coming weeks more features will be added including the ability to donate and buy tickets to events. My goal was to make the new website as inviting to the community as possible, while featuring both the heart (the people) and history of The Cathedral. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments; I am very open to suggestions and new ideas! I can be reached at traviswkath@gmail.com.

Travis Kath

Community Cafe

Volunteer 2 hours per month... Make a difference and have fun!

After 20 months of serving curbside meals to anyone interested, the Community Café is returning to indoor seating! Our change begins December 7th and we're recruiting volunteers.

We have a Team for each Tuesday of the month. Team #1, volunteers on the first Tuesday, Team #2 the second and so on...

Our Opportunities:

- 8a -10:00 Volunteers (4), work alongside the Kitchen Manager to prep the evening meal.
- 3:45p - 5:45 Volunteers (4) work on the serving line and assemble meals for planned deliveries.
- 4:15p -6:00 Volunteers (4) serve beverages, clear plates and re-set as needed. Assist with clean-up
- 4:30 - 6:00 Volunteers (2) to wash dishes and put away

We have been serving over 300 meals every Tuesday and really make a difference! You can be part of this Good Work!

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The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour Capital Campaign

The final Capital Campaign letter of the year went out the end of November. Thank you to Father Henry and Pat Dudley for being our Co-Chairs. We continue to receive contributions from our Friends across the United States. 2022 will be the last year of our campaign. Thank you for your continued support.

The Cathedral And Climate Change

The biggest problem to be solved regarding climate change is the release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The carbon dioxide we create can no longer be absorbed by the natural environment. A recent study analyzing the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere using ice core samples from the Greenland ice pack found that since 1780 (around the time of the beginning of the industrial revolution) and today the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has doubled.

There are choices we can make to help reduce our present carbon dioxide release.

Currently in Minnesota the largest source of carbon pollution are cars and trucks. The freedom that having ones own vehicle allows us is to have is something that is very important to most people, Buying ones first vehicle seems to me to be one of the secular world's rites of passage.

When one owns a vehicle however one can follow a mindful use of that vehicle. When planning ones day instead of making multiple trips one can set up a route, for example, where one goes to an appointment and then stops to get groceries and/or picks up medicines all in a logical sequence. When driving a street that has a series of stoplights one often drives in a manner in which one can hit most of the lights green rather than speeding between lights and having to sit idling.

One of the saddest developments recently is the number of people who are choosing to drive at excessive speeds on the highways. The amount of extra gasoline it takes to propel a vehicle at 80 to 90 MPH is considerable as well as putting the lives of people sharing the highway in danger.

One of the entertainment options that I personally can't understand is some people's fascination with cars going around in an oval at high speeds. If one considers the amount of carbon released in the millions of gallons of gasoline used serving no productive purpose on the racetracks in this country it seems to me wasteful.

There are some hopeful advances coming regarding personal vehicles. I'm waiting to see if electric vehicles are going to be truly functional in Minnesota during the winter. When the bugs are worked out my next car will be electric.

When the pandemic recedes and more people begin returning to church services car-pooling could be a good way to get to church. As we reestablish our relationships with our fellow church members car-pooling to the cities for concerts and visiting relatives, for example, could be possible.

Mindful use of our vehicles, driving the speed limit and considering a vehicle that uses less gas are all things a person can do to reduce carbon emissions.

Joel Raaen

Community Cafe

The Community Café held a fundraiser on November 13 at the Cathedral featuring the Looney Lutherans. The event was a huge success! The Cathedral looked beautiful!



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We need prep help in the morning, or you can help serve and clean-up in the evenings.

Volunteer Opportunities: 8:00 to 10:00 Tuesday mornings

3:45 to 5:45 Tuesday evenings

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Upcoming Events

December 4, Wedding

December 5, Baptism

December 9, Nursing Homes (Emeralds, Pleasant Manor & New Perspective)
Private Event, Noon to 3:00 pm
Buildings & Grounds, 4:30 pm
Chapter Meeting, 6:00 pm

December 11, Guild Meeting, 9:30 am

December 15, Friendship House Christmas Party

December 17, Christmas Stroll, 5:00 pm

December 19, Lessons and Carols & Christmas Pageant (during the service)

December 20, AAUW Christmas Party

December 22, Private event

December 24, Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm

December 25, Christmas Day

December 27, Office Closed

December 28, Office Closed

December 31, New Years Eve

January 1, New Years Day



Connect with the Cathedral

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Check us out on Facebook at Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour

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

The Guild of the Good Shepherd Christmas Outing

Saturday - December 11th, 2021

12:30 pm - Redemption Restaurant - meet for lunch

3:00 pm - Attend a concert at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Shattuck- St. Mary's is hosting a Campus Christmas Walk, if we are finished with lunch early we can walk around the Campus prior to the concert.

Saturday, December 11th, 2021 - 11:00 - 4:00 pm

The event is free and open to the public



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