



ST. NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA



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Sunday, June 12 - 9:00 am

(wear red for) **Pentecost**

The Right Reverend Brian Prior,
 Bishop of the Episcopal Church
 in Minnesota visits St. Nicholas

Saturday, June 25 - 12:00 noon

Free Community Lunch
 Honoring our Veterans

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Sunday Service

9:00 am Eucharist
10:15 am Adult Education



Ministers **All Parish Members**
Priest **The Rev. Thomas Eklo**
Deacon **The Rev. Judy Conn**
Senior Warden **Mary Gleason**
Junior Warden **Terry Houle**
Director of Music **Charlotte Grantier**
Crier Editor **Kathy Cummings**



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Reflections from Tom

On Sunday, June 12th, Brian Prior, the Bishop of Minnesota will be making his visitation. It is customary for the Bishop to visit each parish every year, typically on a Sunday. But with over a hundred parishes in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, it is easy to do the math – a visitation happens only every two to three years.

The day promises to be a full one. To begin with, it is Pentecost Sunday, a special day in our liturgical calendar, oftentimes referred to as the birth of the church, the coming of the gift of the promised Spirit of God. Add to that two baptisms, and any receptions into the communion, and/or affirmations that the Bishop will be involved with and it becomes a very full liturgy. It will also be a Sunday of special music, including our band, and a sea of red everywhere you look. All of it combines to make the wonderful ingredients for a joyous celebration of our common life in this place, and the Spirit of God's presence in our midst. I hope you plan to join us on this joyous day.

I thought the occasion of the Bishop's visit was an appropriate time to visit once again why we refer to ourselves as a parish within the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota. The word Episcopal is derived from the Greek word "Episkopos" which means "Bishop." "Episcopal" means that we are a church structured around bishops. Historically, bishops presided over regional boundaries defined as dioceses and dioceses were comprised of several parishes (again, geographic) where a church or churches served the needs of individuals within that particular geographic area. People within a particular parish were expected to attend the parish church. Because bishops were not physically able to be present to handle the affairs or celebrate within each and every parish church, the ordained offices of "presbyter" (another Greek word - for priest) and Deacon were established to handle affairs at the parish level.

While the contemporary Episcopal Church in the United States continues to maintain the presence of Bishops, Dioceses and parishes, the strict lines of parish delineation have largely disappeared. Many years ago, Minnesota used to have three dioceses. We now have one. The Cathedral Church of St. Mark in downtown Minneapolis is the "cathedra" or the seat of the Bishop. It is technically the Bishop's church even though he spends very little time there – usually Christmas Eve and Easter. The Dean of the Cathedral serves as the head priest in the cathedral setting in lieu of the Bishop.

Times have, of course, changed. There is much more collaboration between parishes, between dioceses, and between the spectrum of belief traditions that comprise the religious and spiritual tapestry in contemporary America, and that is a good thing.

Even though we often think and operate within the context of understanding ourselves as a uniquely independent entity, we are a part of a much larger communion of bishops, dioceses, and parishes that span the breadth of this country and the globe. Each Sunday this global community of saints gathers for prayer, fellowship and the celebration of Eucharist, each in their own unique way, expressing thanksgiving as recipients of God's love, and then sent from that gathering to share the love of God with those they encounter in their daily walk. Pretty amazing!!

Blessings,
Tom



The Episcopal Church

Very Special Free Lunch to Honor Veterans



On Saturday, June 25, Blue Moon is hosting the noon free community lunch with a special lunch and short program for veterans. Please join us as we honor the veterans from St. Nicholas and from the community.



Cookbook News

Thanks to the hard work of many individuals, the new St. Nicholas Cookbook, Pleasures from the Good Earth, is now available for purchase. With nearly 200 pages, 361 recipes, a wipe-clean cover and a sturdy coil binding, this cookbook is a bargain for the amazing low price of \$10.00. See Karen Bessler, Jan Kohout or Joan Spivey on Sundays to purchase copies. Cookbooks can be mailed to the address of your choice for \$10.00 plus \$3.00 S&H. Get your copies today while the supply lasts.

June is the traditional month for graduations and weddings. Why not include a copy of our St. Nicholas cookbook with your graduation, wedding or shower gift? All profits from the cookbooks go to funding our mission projects. Everyone's a winner! If you need a cookbook, see Jan, Karen or Joan at church on Sundays.

The Bishop's Visitation

The Right Rev. Brian Prior, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, will be making his visitation to St. Nicholas on Sunday, June 12th. It is customary for the Bishop to pray over the confirmands who have gone through a process of confirmation when he visits. Because we are doing confirmation with three other Episcopal churches and we are in the middle of a two year confirmation process, confirmation will not be a part of what he does on his visit with us.

But there are two other blessings that the Bishop will do when he comes that are not as well known. The first of these is known as "reception." Reception, or being received into the communion, is for those individuals that have been baptized and confirmed in another Christian faith tradition and now wish to become a part of the Episcopal Church in a more formal way. The second of these blessings is known as "reaffirmation." Reaffirmation is simply the desire on the part of an individual to reaffirm the baptismal covenant in their lives as a living testimony of their commitment to follow in the steps of Jesus. In each case, the individual comes forward at a point in the service, receives the laying on of hands as a prayer is said by the bishop.

If you have questions about these blessings or wish to be a recipient of these blessings, please see or call Tom by June 5th.

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

Jill Aicher	Cassell Wherland	Betty Cope	Marge Stwora
Mary Phyllis Meyer	Vicky Condon	George Woskie	Tom Frick
Carol Lowe's grandson, Jessi Vallera		Todd Oliverius', Mmther Mary Lou Oliverius	
Gayle Ticen's sister, Shirley Hagenbuch		Karen Blessler's friend, Peg Alexander	
Roslyn Gannt-Simmons' friend, Vince Buie		Sharon Mill's sister, Joanie Cook	
Barb & Rich Makela's friend, Lorey, Elizabeth & Dave; and family member's, Mac & Jan			
Karen Bessler's and Carol Barthelemy's friend, Mary Kay Bissell		Flood & Tornado victims	
The people of Japan & Haiti		And the men and women of our armed forces.	





Have you checked out the St Nicholas Facebook page? Find news, happenings and photos about the St Nicholas community. Stay in contact with some people who have moved on. So please check it out and "Like" it.

It is also a good way to spread the word about our church and what we do in the community.

A shortened URL to get to it is: <http://tinyurl.com/45e3zzz>



Welcome New Members

St. Nicholas is pleased to welcome two new families to our congregation. Recently Ben and Bekah Kent and their son Samuel have joined us. We also welcome Jason and Jaime Sveta and their daughter Sophie on becoming new members of our community. So if you have not met them, or their children, stop by and introduce yourselves.

St. Nicholas is very glad to have these new members in our congregation.



The Bullhead Queen

Have you checked out the St Nick's library recently? As we have gone through housecleaning and renovation over the last year stop in and check out the library with hopefully some new book additions.

The Bullhead Queen is a new addition by a local author who holds a doctorate in zoology.

The western approach to nature has always operated under both spiritual and scientific views. While Christianity decrees that human beings have dominion over nature, evolutionary biology teaches us that we are but highly adapted animals among a biological network of millions of species. What is our proper relationship to wild animals and what is our responsibility to them?

Sue Leaf, in the Bullhead Queen, exemplifies the moral aspect of humans to nature through a collection of engaging meditations on the places she sees every day in east central Minnesota.

Acknowledging the influence of the church on her view of the natural world, she follows the liturgical calendar as a thread, chronicling the change of seasons over the year.

Also consider donating some worthwhile books that may be collecting dust on your shelves. Or even perhaps buy some at a used, or recycle store for donation. But lets practice good stewardship and not buy any new ones at this time. Also lets try to maintain a quality level that will provide worthwhile reading and learning.

A Bishop Word Search

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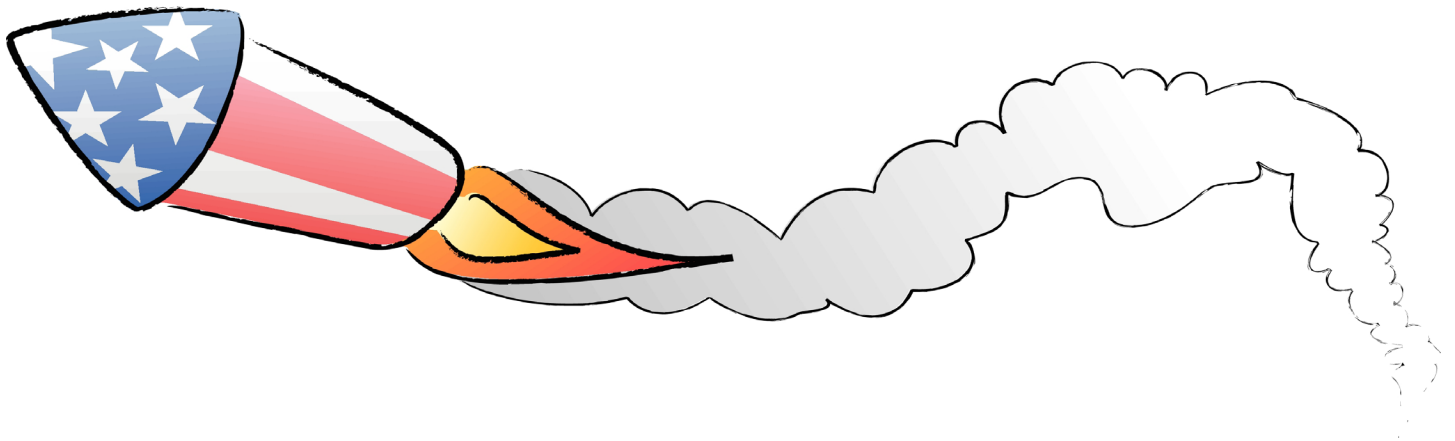
Can you find these words? Circle each word.

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| Bishop | Diocese |
| Cross | Crozier |
| Ring | Festival |
| Star | Consecration |
| Confirm | Baptize |
| Episcopal | Stole |
| Mitre | Chasuble |
| Priest | |



Uncle Sam says: **“I Want You”**

To join the fun & festivities as Saint Nicholas Church once again participates in the Richfield Fourth of July parade. The fun starts 11:00 Monday July 4th at Todd & Andrea’s house for lunch. At 12:30 we will head over to the Saint Nicholas float located on Nicollet Ave. somewhere between 70th – 75th streets. After our short walk and /or ride on the float we will go back to Todd & Andrea’s house for desert. Stay for a little or stay or a lot - everyone’s welcome to join in the fun! Hope to see you there.



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		6:30pm - Todds @	9:30am - Gospel		9:30am - Needlewor 10am - Adv. in	10am - Holy Dream 11:30am - Feed Mv
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am - Bishop Prior		2:30pm - Finance 6:30pm - Todds @	9:30am - Gospel 10am - Crier Input	6:30pm - Needlewor 7pm - Vestrv	10am - Adv. in	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		6:30pm - Todds @	9:30am - Gospel		10am - Adv. in	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
		6:30pm - Todds @	9:30am - Gospel		10am - Adv. in	