



ST. NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA



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 coming this Fall

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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**



Vestry Members

Carol Barthelemy **Gretchen Eichhorn**
Carol Hocking **Craig Kettleison**
Todd Oliverius **Maxine Parsons**

Treasurer **Rich Makela**
Vestry Clerk **Bill Mills**

Reflections from Tom

October is one of my favorite months of the year. The leaves are usually at their peak color sometime during the course of the month, and if the prognosticators are correct, we are in for a dazzling display this year. October invites us out into the warm sunshine and clear blue skies during the day, perhaps with a light jacket, and the nights remind us once again how wonderful it is to be able to sleep with a blanket and a window cracked to let in a little bit of that chilly air. It is the season of colorful mums, pumpkins, squash and apples; the smell of wood fires and the aroma of those wonderful dinners, pies, and desserts baking in an oven that fill our homes and our being with a sense of warmth. Hooray for October!!

For those of you who tend to see October as simply one month closer to a winter nosing its way onto the horizon, I would encourage you to put on that jacket or fleece, go for a walk in a nature preserve and listen to the crunch of leaves underfoot or kick a pile of leaves along the trail. Visit an apple orchard or a pumpkin patch, and for the adventurous soul, maybe risk walking or getting lost in a corn maze. It's a great month to enjoy being outdoors doing something we only get to experience in the fall of the year.

October also happens to be a very busy month at the church with a number of special activities and special events planned. I hope as a part of your many fall activities, you will take the time to take in some of the events around St. Nicholas that only happen in the fall of the year.

On Sunday, October 2nd, there will be a blessing of the animals. The October date for the blessing of the animals coincides roughly with the saint day of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Francis loved animals and saw them as not only a part of creation but as messengers and participants in God's kingdom work. And so it has become a custom in recent years to honor and bless those critters among us. Our blessing will be at 4PM in the labyrinth space, weather permitting.

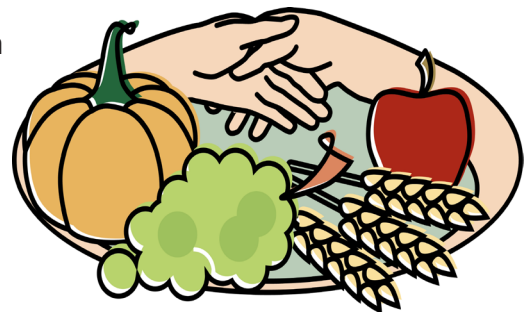
On Sunday, October 16th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Blue Moon treats us once again with their wonderful music and a table full of tasty morsels. It is a delightful afternoon. It will once again be in the fireplace room. Get there early! Tables tend to fill up quickly.

On Saturday, October 22, from 8AM until Noon, there is our annual fall clean-up, sponsored by our Building and Grounds committee. I have told many of you how often I get compliments about how well maintained our facility is. The effort we put forward in these clean-ups is a part of why that is. Come for an hour, come for four hours. Every little bit helps.

On Sunday, October 23, The Rev. Tim Hodapp will be with us to preach and lead the congregation in a discussion of mission and ministry in our context following the service. Tim is the Missioner for Mission in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. There will be more detail on this event in the weeks to come.

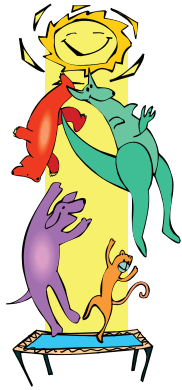
Blessings to each of you in this wonderful season of the year!

Tom



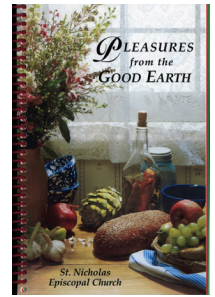
Blessing of the Animals

Next Sunday, October 2, there will be a blessing of the animals here at the church at 4PM in the afternoon. Whether that favorite critter of yours walks, runs, flies, or crawls along, they are all a part of God's marvelous creation, and worthy of blessing. We will meet outdoors in the labyrinth space if the day is a lovely one or indoors in the gathering space if not. Invite friends and family to join us for this special, fun, and yes, sometimes noisy time.



Oh! Oh!

Possibly the last chance for a cookbook! On October 28, we are taking all remaining cookbooks to the annual Diocesan Convention in the hope of selling out! If you are thinking about cookbooks as holiday gifts, be sure to purchase the quantity you need before the end of the month. We cannot guarantee any stock after the convention. Karen, Jan, Judy and Joan can help you with your purchases.



Oh! My!

The excitement builds! On Sunday afternoon, October 16, 3:00 p.m., Blue Moon presents their 7th annual tea. Please come. Bring your family & friends.

We'll have an abundance of foods and treats, and we'll serenade you with an half-hour program of uplifting music.

St. Nicholas Green Team

St. Nicholas is forming a Green Team to support Caring for Creation. This can take many forms almost from A to Z. There was a signup opportunity on Rally Sunday September 18th. If you missed that and would like to be a member or more information please contact Terry Houle. You may speak to him at church or call him at: 952.686.1493.

Oh! Dear!

Is my act ready? On Sunday afternoon, December 4, 4:00 p.m., we celebrate St. Nicholas Day with an Extravaganza & Potluck. Only two months left to prepare an act and let Joan Spivey know you're participating as a performer.



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

Jill Aicher	Cassell Wherland	Betty Cope	Marge Stwora
Mary Phykkis Meyer	Vicky Condon	George Woskie	Tom Frick
Gayle Ticen's sister, Shirley Hagenbuch		Joy Mudgett	Bill Mills
Todd Olivius' mother, Mary Lou Oliverius		Sally Parson's friend, Bernie Sura	
Rob McConnell's father-in-law, Parma Krishnan		Roslyn Gantt-Simmons friend, Vince Buie	
Karen Bessler's brother-in-law, Warren Bessler		Kathy Cummings' cousin, Lauren Fissel	
Sue Newman's friend, Kate Radmer		Sue Newman's friend, Denny	
The Children of Somalia		And the men and women of our armed forces.	





VEAP Holiday Benefit Space is limited!

Support VEAP - Meeting Basic Needs.

Building Stronger Communities

VEAP's 2011 Holiday Benefit offers an opportunity to "GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE" to support your neighbors in need. The annual event is Friday, November 18, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis Airport / Mall of America. The \$100 ticket provides a festive beverage served butler style, a fabulous harvest dinner, exciting live and silent auctions, an extraordinary bucket raffle and uplifting entertainment by the soulful Mick Sterling with guest emcee Dennis Douda. For information, call Sharon Paulson at VEAP, 952-955-8322 or register on-line at their website: www.veapvolunteers.org.

Meeting basic needs and building stronger communities, VEAP provides a range of basic services that fulfill an immediate need in people's lives and position them for long-term success. VEAP has long recognized that there are people in Bloomington, Edina,

Richfield and South Minneapolis that are low-income and sometimes need a "helping hand" to prevent them from entering into a financial crisis. Based on an idea of neighbors helping neighbors, VEAP provides this critical help. St. Nicholas is a member church supporting VEAP.

St Nicks Upcoming Dates- Mark your Calendar

- September 25, 2011 Sunday Adult Education begins after Sunday services
- October 2, 2011 Sunday Blessing of the Animals - 4 PM
- October 3-9, 2011 Sunday Tom Eklo will be on vacation. He has arranged for a The Rev. Diana Rogers to come in for Sunday October 9th.
- October 2, 2011 Sunday A 6 week series of bulletin inserts on Stewardship begins.
- October 16, 2011 Sunday 7th Annual Blue Moon Tea - 3PM
- October 22, 2011 Saturday Fall cleanup – Todd Oliverius/Tom McConnell - 8AM to noon
- October 23, 2011 Sunday The Rev. Canon Tim Hodapp will preach on mission. He is on Bishop Prior's staff as Missioner for Mission. He will also facilitate a congregation discussion on mission and ministry after the service.
- October 23, 2011 Sunday Last Sunday to get your St. Nicholas Cookbook before they go to Diocesan Convention. Don't miss out on getting yours for Christmas gifts.
- November 13, 2011 Sunday Stewardship Sunday
- December 4, 2011 Sunday St. Nicholas Day Extravaganza & Pot Luck - 4PM
- Bowling resumes at Southtown every other Sunday-POC Rich Makela, Andrea Oliverius





Vestry Minutes

July 21, 2011

Members Present: Mary Gleason, Maxine Parsons, Gretchen Eichhorn, Todd Oliverius, Craig Kettleon, Tom Eklo and Terry Houle. **Absent:** Carol Barthelemy, Carol Hocking, and Bill Mills, clerk.

Tom Eklo opened the meeting with prayer. Todd Oliverius led the meeting devotional with a reading entitled "If a Dog were your Teacher."

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the June 16, 2011 Vestry meeting were presented. Craig Kettleon moved that the minutes be accepted as written. There was a second by Todd Oliverius. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer, Tom Eklo went over the finance reports for the period January through June. He said that the pledges were not coming in on the level anticipated within the budget, reflecting a less than expected income figure. Part of this may simply be a timing issue, but there is a lag. The finance committee will be taking the \$50,000 CD maturing in July and put it into the checking account until a decision can be made at the next finance meeting as to how to invest whatever is not needed in terms of immediate cash flow. Todd Oliverius moved that the finance report be accepted. Craig Kettleon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business: Missions – Gretchen Eichhorn stated that the Community luncheons on the last Saturday of the month have been discontinued. There is one individual from the community who was consistent in his attendance each month. Missions will be in contact with him if other special events come up. Building and Grounds – The garden space behind the eastern townhome on the north edge of the Church property is not being used. Mary Gleason will approach the residents to find out if they no longer want to use the property as a garden. It is believed to be church property. Max Parsons has consolidated paper supplies in the kitchen. There is an oversupply of plates and cups. The issue of exterior painting of the front of the church came up for discussion. Because of height and window issues, it is not an easy project. The issue is being referred back to the Building and Grounds Committee for their discussion. Communications – nothing new to report.

New Business: Baptism – Chloe Svela will be baptized on Sunday, July 31. There will be the usual cake provided to celebrate her baptism. Safe Church – There was considerable discussion around the issue of the Safe Church Training program. The training needs to be redone every five years, and some of the practices of Safe Church have changed since the last training. There is a need to consider a parish wide training session once again in the near future. There are a number of certified trainers within the diocese with each setting their own fee structure, etc. Mary Gleason will follow up. T-Shirts – There was some discussion about T-shirts and what the logo should be if we order them. It was suggested that we go with red shirts and print the name and the Episcopal shield on the tees for now. Advertising – Mary Gleason said that there will be no further advertising in the Sun Newspapers. There is no tangible indication that it is worth our money as it tends to be expensive. Nursery – A grateful thanks to all individuals who helped to transform the nursery. It was a "bang up job."

Tom's Time: Tom only had one announcement. There is a luncheon scheduled for Region 8 Clergy at St. Nicholas for Marianne Budde, Rector of St. John's, Linden Hills, who has been elected to be the new Bishop of Washington, D.C. The luncheon will be on Tuesday, July 26th.

Dates: Dates were tentatively set for the Extravaganza (December 4) and Rally Sunday (September 18).

The next scheduled Vestry meeting is Thursday, August 18, at 7PM in the Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Eklo, Rector

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am - Holiv Eucharist 10:15am - St Nicks 25	26	6:30pm - Topps @ 27	9:30am - Gospel 28	7pm - Labvrinth 29	30	1
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