



ST. NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA



The Crier

September 2011

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Feed My Starving Children
September 10 · 11:30am

Contemplative Service · “Family”
September 16 · 7:00pm

Rally Sunday
September 18

Recycle Sale
Drop-off · September 16-19 · 9:00am-3:00pm
Sale · September 22-23 · 8:00am-4:00pm and
September 24 · 8:00am-1:00pm

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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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Carol Barthelemy Gretchen Eichhorn
Carol Hocking Craig Kettleson
Todd Oliverius Maxine Parsons

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

Reflections from Tom

August was a pivotal meeting with the Vestry of St. Nicholas. Part of what I have to say is reflected in the minutes of that vestry meeting, but I wanted to use this space to offer my personal reflections.

I was approached by the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to consider the possibility of a Spanish Eucharistic Service at St. Nicks that would begin sometime this fall. The service would take place on Saturday evenings. The priest for this service would be the Rev. Neptali Rodriguez. Neptali Rodriguez, an Episcopal priest, is from Colombia, and is currently the part-time vicar of the congregation El Santo Nino Jesus in St. Paul. The diocese and El Santo Nino Jesus see this as a mission opportunity in the Richfield community where a substantial population of Latino people now live and work. The only thing being asked of St. Nicholas is providing the space for this community to gather and worship on Saturdays. The remuneration for Fr. Rodriguez and a musician would be borne by the Diocese.

Following a number of excellent questions and some discussion, the vestry voted to move forward with the proposal. Now the hard work begins. I have been in contact with the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to discuss issues such as a formal agreement outlining responsibilities, insurance liability, etc. I have also been in contact with Fr. Neptali about beginning a process of connecting with the community and community leaders within the Latino community here.

I am hoping we can make this a reality. I have two thoughts about all of this. The first is that we need to pay attention to what is going on in our community, and more specifically, we need to pay attention to what God literally drops in our lap, even though we may wonder why or what God is up to. It is easy and quite natural for us to think of St. Nicholas as

“our” church. We have invested our time and our resources in making this a thriving, caring community. But sometimes I think we forget that it is really God’s church, and we are here to grow, to nurture each other in the faith, for the purpose of mission and ministry in the name of Christ. Part of that is taking care of each other, but another part is reaching out beyond these walls. I have long reflected upon potential ways we could conceivably connect with the Latino community in our midst. It seems like every time I am on a track toward some kind of ministry opportunity, I run into a language or cultural barrier. Fr. Neptali brings both a level of trust and a native tongue that makes that mission and ministry much more doable.

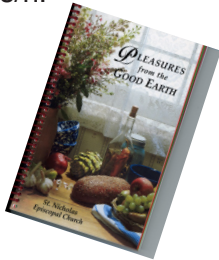
Secondly, even though we will function as separate congregations, there will no doubt be a mix of cultures and understandings as we move forward. Some of that will be glorious, and some of it might be difficult. The life and ministry of Jesus often crossed the line in bringing his message of transformation to those often considered to be on the fringes of society. What he practiced was a radical hospitality. Now it is our turn to do the same.

I will keep you posted as things progress. I welcome your thoughts and would love to sit down with any of you and talk about this exciting potential ministry in our midst.

Blessings,
Tom

Cookbooks

September! Back to Fall. Back to school. Back to baking casseroles and treats in the oven. Need a new recipe to try? We've got 'em in the St. Nicholas cookbook. See Karen, Jan, Judy or Joan to get your copy today. \$10 each or we can ship it for an additional \$3 s/h.



Blue Moon Tea

September! The unofficial end to summer. Thoughts turn to fall and our "Tea For You and Blue Moon Too!" The theme of our 7th annual tea is "Music Fills Our Days." From "Morning Has Broken" to "Joyful, Joyful Day" to "Angels Through The Night" to the rousing "A Bright New Tomorrow," we celebrate the music which nourishes our souls and fills our days with joy. Mark your calendars now: Sunday, October 16, 3:00 p.m., in the Fireplace Room. Music, Fellowship and Treats! What more could you ask!



Contemplative Service – “Family”

Our Contemplative service for September is centered on the theme of “family.” Family is a theme that incorporates the nuclear family as we know it. But, of course, it is also much more. There are extended families, church families, God’s family, the family of humankind. As we begin to see the scope of family, we begin to see our connectedness across the breadth and depth of humanity.

Come join us on Friday evening, September 16th, 7pm here at the church. Listen to the creative readings, let the music flow through you, and settle into the silence following a full and busy week. A great way to start the weekend!!

Rally Sunday – September 18th

Ever wondered what types of ministries are available in this parish? Is there a passion that you have about certain things or how they are done? Are there gifts that you have that have gone unexplored or unused for a long time? On Rally Sunday, September 18th, the gathering space of the church will be filled with tables that will help you, perhaps even entice you, to consider using your God given gifts in ways that will be of benefit to all of us in the community. It is a great way to find out what we do around here. It is a great way to get connected. It is a great way to experience community in ways that just can’t always happen in the context of what we do on Sunday morning in worship. See you on the 18th. You won’t want to miss it!!

Extravaganza & Potluck

September! We anticipate the colors of fall and await the first flakes of snow. Can our celebratory "St. Nicholas Extravaganza and Potluck" be far behind? Plans are already well underway for the spectacular show. The clown, Mr. Petals, is preparing his act. Judy is looking for a story which she may, or may not, finish this year. Musicians are choosing and practicing their songs. The Recycle Team is thinking about their skit. The clergy are again preparing something special. We are always looking for new acts - 3 minutes max. Let Joan Spivey know if you are planning to perform, and let Sally & Max know if you can help with the potluck. Mark your calendars now: Sunday, December 4, 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come a little early to watch the wonderful slide show of our 2011 activities.

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

Jill Aicher
Mary Phykkis Meyer
Gayle Ticen’s sister, Shirley Hagenbuch
Todd Olivius’ mother, Mary Lou Oliverius
Sharon Mill’s sister, Joanie Cook
Karen Bessler’s brother-in-law, Warren Bessler
Sue Newman’s friend, Kate Radmer
The children of Somalia

Cassell Wherland
Vicky Condon

Betty Cope
George Woskie
Joy Mudgett
Sally Parson’s friend, Bernie Sura
Roslyn Gantt-Simmons friend, Vince Buie
Gayle Ticen’s sister, Shirley Hagenbuch
Sue Newman’s friend, Denny

Marge Stwora
Tom Frick



And the men and women of our armed forces.

Yellow Ribbon Community

The City of Richfield has been given the designation of a Yellow Ribbon Community following an extensive accreditation process. What is a Yellow Ribbon Community? It is a community that has in place a network that includes business, government, schools, non-profit and faith communities in supporting military people and their families. It is designed to support the needs of active military, particularly families of deployed soldiers. But it is also there to assist with special needs of returning military and veterans as well.

St. Nicholas has been designated a faith community within the network. The system works both ways. We may be called upon from time to time to help assist military families. But is also a vehicle for extensive promotion of those programs or events we do for active military and veterans such as the veteran’s luncheon we held in July.

With our recent focus upon veterans and their service to our country, it seems like a great fit. We welcome, once again, the opportunity and the blessing of being an active presence in our community.

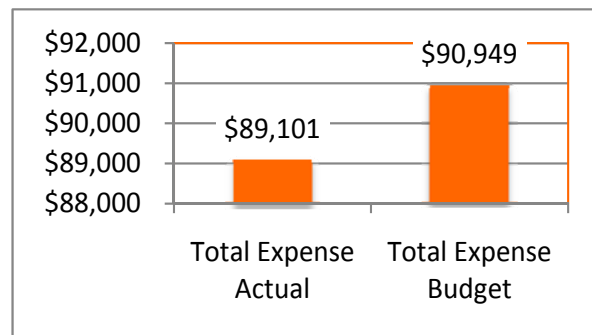
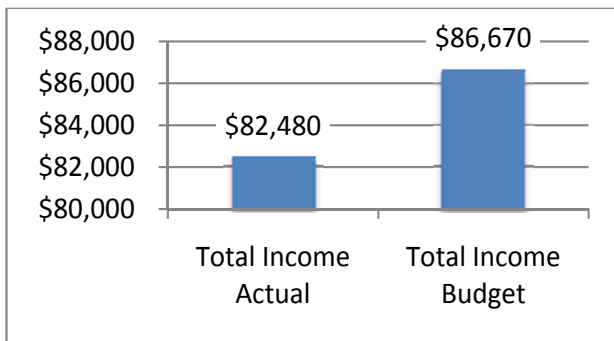
VEAP Back to School Collection 2011 Results

The generosity of our parish is evident in the amount of school supplies taken to VEAP. Thank you all very much.

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| 8 Backpacks | 84 Folders |
| 76 Spiral Notebooks | 5 pkgs. Notebook paper |
| 26 Composition Notebooks | 19 boxes Crayons |
| 194 pens | 31 pkgs. Markers |
| 15 Rulers | 10 Calculators |
| 2 pkgs. Recipe Cards | 23 pkgs. Pencils |
| 4 Pencil Pouches | 3 pkgs. Colored Pencils |
| 27 pkgs. Glue Sticks | 12 Glue Bottles |
| 5 Scissors | 11 pkgs. Erasures |
| 18 Pencil Sharpeners | 2 Tape Dispensers |
| 3 Compasses | 3 Protractors |

Also, in August we collected 75# of food especially for kid’s breakfast and lunches. A summer of giving!

St Nicholas Episcopal Church Financial Report as of July 31, 2011



Income as of July 31, 2011 of \$82,480 minus Expenses of \$89,101 = (\$6,621)

As of July 31st the amount pledged is not coming in as budgeted.

For those that have not made any formal pledges it is hoped they may be in a position to contribute, as they are able.

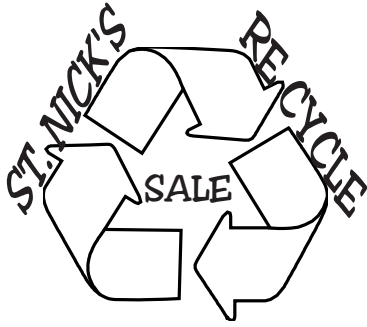
The hope is that those who have pledged, and are in a position to give more than their pledge, consider contributing an additional amount to the general fund. Many have contributed more than their pledge in years past.

A Sincere Thank You for All your contributions. They are greatly appreciated along with the many hours of “In Kind” work that is donated to the various ministries and programs of St. Nicholas.

A last half of year chart is inserted below:

2011	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Deficit >>	(\$4,017)	(\$6,621)					

Terry Houle- Jr. Warden



Fall 2011

Thursday, September 22

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday, September 23

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday, September 24

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

DROP-OFF TIMES

Recycle Sale Items

Friday, Sept 16–Monday, Sept 19
9 am - 3 pm

Bake Sale Items

Wednesday, Sept 21
1 pm - 5 pm

CLOTHING

CHILDREN

Baby clothes	25¢ - \$3
Blouses, shirts	50¢ - \$1
Coats, jackets	50¢ - \$5
Dresses	\$1 - \$5
Jeans, pants	50¢ - \$2
Robes	50¢ - \$1
Sleepwear	50¢ - \$2
Sweaters	50¢ - \$3
Sweats	25¢ - \$1
T-shirts, underwear	25¢ - \$1

MEN, WOMEN

Blouses, shirts	50¢ - \$2
Coats, jackets	\$1 - \$10
Dresses	\$1 - \$5
Formals	75¢ - \$3
Jeans, slacks	\$1 - \$5
Robes	75¢ - \$2
Skirts	50¢ - \$5
Sleepwear	50¢ - \$2
Suits	\$1 - \$10
Sweaters	75¢ - \$4
Sweats	50¢ - \$4
T-shirts, underwear	25¢ - \$1

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Baby equipment	\$2 - \$9
Baskets	25¢ - \$2
Bedding, pillows	25¢ - \$3
Bedspreads	\$1 - \$10
Crafts, fabric, etc.	25¢ - \$2
Dishes, glassware	10¢ - \$1
Drapes per panel	50¢ - \$2
Electric appliances	\$1 - \$5+
Furniture	\$2 - \$25+
Jewelry	50¢ - \$5
Knick-knacks	25¢ - \$2
Linen, towels	25¢ - \$2
Luggage	50¢ - \$3
Pans, bakeware	25¢ - \$2
Pictures, frames	50¢ - \$2
Rugs	50¢ - \$3
Seasonal items	10¢ - \$1
Sporting goods	50¢ - \$10+
Tablecloths	\$1 - \$4
Tools	50¢ - \$5
Toys, games	10¢ - \$3
Utensils	25¢ - 50¢
Vases, planters	25¢ - \$1

Please price your own donations.

Make sure donations are clean and in good repair.

Use masking tape and permanent ink.

Place price tag on outside front.

Moving Planet - Moving Faith Newsletter/Bulletin Announcement

Moving Planet - Moving Faith, an interfaith outpouring of climate concerns

Join with millions around the world on September 24th and be part of the moral voice calling for the care of all creation by responding to climate change! The interfaith procession of people and Heart of the Beast puppets, Moving Planet - Moving Faith, will lead into MN350 's Moving Planet event on the State Capitol mall with thousands of Minnesotans. Faith communities are essential to our success as we call for the protection of Minnesota's clean energy policy foundation.

Bring friends, family, your neighbors and faith community. All people of faith are welcome and invited. Please wear blue for our blue planet and bring a sign or banner indicating your faith community if you have one. This is a family-friendly event. Please consider your carbon footprint in getting to the procession. Walk, bike, bus or carpool. Dress for the weather.

Moving Planet – Moving Faith will begin with a short program at 2pm at Cass Gilbert Memorial Park located on the corner of Sherburne Ave and Cedar Street in St. Paul (one block North of University Ave near the State Capitol). This will be followed by a procession along Cedar St. to the Capitol where we will launch the main Moving Planet event.

Sponsored by Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light more information at www.mnipl.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9am - Holiv Eucharist	29	30 6:30pm - Topps @	31 9:30am - Gospel	1 7pm - Labvriinth	2	3
4 9am - Holiv Eucharist	5	6 6:30pm - Topps @	7 9:30am - Gospel	8 7pm - Labvriinth	9 9:30am - Needlewor	10 11:30am - Feed Mv
11 9am - Holiv Eucharist	12	13 2:30pm - Finance 6:30pm - Topps @	14 9:30am - Gospel	15 10am - Crier Input 6:30pm - Needlewor 7pm - Labvriinth 7pm - Vestrv	16 9am - Recycle Sale	17 9am - Recycle Sale 10am - Holiv Dream
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