



*Love God, Love your neighbor,
Change the world.*

Christ Episcopal Church

The Caller

From Fr. Tristan

Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope that this has been a season that has fed your soul.

I am writing this on my one year anniversary of joining Christ Episcopal Church. As I look back at the past year I look at our work through the lens of our tag line, Love God, Love your neighbor, Change the world! I am proud of the work we have done in sharing God's love with our neighbors. You have done great work in changing the world around us, just as God has called you to do. I am also excited about 2017 as I think we are just beginning our work.

In my reflection, I wonder what are we doing to love God. I know that this has been an area that I have not focused on in my preaching and I apologize for that. I understand loving God in a very personal way. I see it as giving thanks and praising God in my prayer and daily life. I also believe we show our love for God by sharing God's love, hope, and acceptance with the world around us. However, we also love God and share this love as a church community.

We can love God by becoming involved in our worship. You see worship is how we come together and love God as a community, and by becoming involved in worship you help our community express its love of God. You can do this by volunteering as a greeter, by being a reader, by reading the prayers of the people, by acolyting, and by being a chalice bearer. Is this something you already do? Then sign up for the next six months on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Is this something you want to do but haven't? Then sign up for the next six months on the bulletin board outside of the church office. We are happy to help you by offering training. Have a question about these opportunities? See me or Deacon Barbara.

2017 will be a great year. We will love God. We will love our neighbor. And, we will change the world. We just need your help.

Warmly, Tristan+



January 2017

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The Rev. Steve Gheen

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From Your Senior Warden

John Blue



It has been a year since Father Tristan was called to Christ Episcopal Church, and he has worked his way through all of the church seasons along with the traditions that are unique to our church—traditions that are as normal to us as Sunday coffee hour but to Father Tristan were somewhat foreign, such as the blessing of the animals, the live nativity and celebration Sunday. Father Tristan has done an outstanding

job throughout the year as he worked through the seasons and made sure our church was welcoming and comfortable for everyone.

I hope everyone got the opportunity to attend at least one of the three services over Christmas and not only were able to enjoy the service but to enjoy the outstanding job the Alter Guild did to prepare the church for Christmas. The poinsettias, evergreens and candles transformed our church into a very uplifting place to celebrate the season.

On January 29, we will be having our annual

meeting and potluck immediately after the 10 o'clock service. We elect Vestry members and approve the church budget for 2017. This will be my last annual meeting as your Senior Warden, and I will do my best to keep the meeting short, allowing more time for us to eat and visit with each other as a family.



ANNUAL MEETING

ONE SERVICE @ 10 A.M.
POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

Jan. 29, 2017

Branches— January 2017



*By The Rev.
Barbara von
Haaren*

As the year 2016 comes to an end, perhaps it is time we should take a look at, and

take stock of our discipleship over the past year. Think about how we have grown in Christ. Ask how has our faith strengthened? And how have we embraced the

call of grace to be more radical in our discipleship?



Look at how we have invited others to join us in prayer, at worship, or simply with a gentle cup of coffee. Listen for the voice of God, telling us to move into the

new year with openness to God's leading as we journey down new paths in 2017.



Words from Steve

By Steve Gheen, Transitional Deacon



Greetings everyone! This is my first time writing for the Caller. I'm pretty sure most of you

know who I am by now, but just in case you don't, I'm Steve Gheen. I'm a transitional deacon interning here at Christ Episcopal Church. I was ordained a deacon last June and began my internship at the beginning of September 2016.

Currently I'm preparing for my Canonical Assessment exams. These used to be called General

Ordination Exams or GOE's until last year. They test my knowledge of the seven canonical areas of the church, i.e. Holy Scripture, Sermons, Ethics, History, Worship, Theology and Social Justice. The assessment team has sent me questions and scenario's for me to write compositions about in preparation for a retreat I will be attending in Faribault from January 11 through 13. I will be sequestered there day and night. There is a team of six people assembled to give me oral exams. Last year they had somewhere around seven people taking the CA's. This year I'm the lone ranger. I'll be their only victim. I'm asking everyone for their support during this stressful

time. You can support me by saying prayers for me. I'm pretty sure that God will hear the prayers of an entire congregation. I'm counting on you to give me the strength to make it through these exams.

I'm enjoying my time at your church and hope that your experience with me is as rewarding for you as it has been for me. My internship will end at the end of May, but I will still be living in the area with my wonderful wife, Kiki. We will attend services in Red Wing occasionally and perhaps even fill in for Tristan some time when he is away on vacation. We will break bread together.

Community Engagement

The Community Engagement Team will begin our second year this month on January 14 at 1030 am in the Parish Hall at Christ Episcopal Church. Our goal is to partner with people/organizations in the community of Red Wing. We have been involved with Walks for a variety of causes; we have made food for some organizations; we have tried to be examples of the love of God, seeing the face of Christ in everyone we meet.

If you are interested in being part of this Team, or if you just want to observe our (sometimes rowdy) meetings, please do join us. If you have an idea for some type of engagement in the community, please let us know. You may call the church office (388-0411) and leave a message for the Community Engagement Team. We are looking forward to an exciting new year!

Energy Assistance

What is Energy Assistance? Funds to pay Energy/heating bills.

Who is it for? Wage earners, Self-employed people, Seniors & retired people, All income-eligible households.

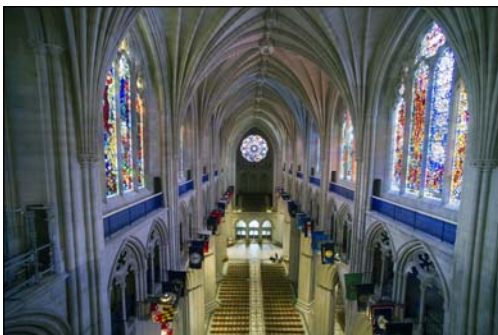
Who can apply? Home owners, renters who pay heating/utility costs, renters with heat included in rent.

Eligibility Guidelines: You must live in Goodhue, Rice, Olmsted, or Wabasha Counties to apply at Three Rivers Community Action, Inc. Your income must be within the guidelines below to receive a grant. You have till May 31, 2017 to apply.

in household gross three-month income

1	\$6,135 (2,045/month)
2	\$8,023 (2,674/month)
3	\$9,910 (3,303/month)
4	\$11,798 (3,933/month)
5	\$13,686 (4,562/month)
6	\$15,574 (5,191/month)
7	\$15,928 (5,309/month)
8	\$16,682 (5,527/month)

www.threeriverscap.org/energy/energy-assistance
507.732.8554 or 800.277.8418



Post-Inaugural Prayer Service

Washington National Cathedral will again play out one of its traditional roles in U.S. life next month by offering Donald Trump and the nation a chance to come together in prayer.

The 58th Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service will take place Jan. 21, the day after Trump is sworn in as the country's the 45th president. No other details have been made public. Typically, the services have been both ecumenical and interreligious.

"The cathedral is a sacred space for the nation to come together at moments of national importance, including the inauguration of our presidents," a statement from the cathedral said. "The Inaugural Prayer Service is a moment for our next president to pause and contemplate the incredible responsibility he has been entrusted with and to listen as the faith community offers prayers for the office of the president."

The Washington Post reported that Trump plans to attend a private family church service at St. John's Episcopal Church near LaFayette Square near the White House the morning of the Jan. 20 inauguration. The parish has traditionally offered that opportunity to incoming presidents.

The cathedral service will be held on a Saturday morning, during the Jewish Sabbath, when observant Jews are forbidden to drive or use electricity, among other restrictions, potentially complicating efforts to find a rabbi to participate in the service. Ivanka Trump and her husband Jared Kushner are Orthodox Jews and would face the same Shabbat limits. The inauguration is constitutionally mandated to be held on Jan. 20, and the prayer service is usually held the next day.

Sharing in Life's Moments

Milestones

Death: Lee A Miller. Born December 21, 1924, Entered God's Eternal Kingdom December 15, 2016

January Memorials

01/01 **Church:** In memory of parents, wife & her parents by David Van Houten

Chapel: In memory of parents: Joe & Jane Welke, Willie & Margaret Wilson by Mike & Jeannette Wilson

01/08 **Church:** In memory of loved ones by Mary Brunner

Chapel: In loving memory of Lloyd "Noisy" Johnson by Joe Johnson

01/15 **Church:** In memory of Alva & Ginevra Ervin and Deane B & Ellen Valentine by Ernie, Mary Ann and Rich Valentine

Chapel: Foot Memorial Fund

01/22 **Church:** In memory of Nick & loved ones by Nada Peters, James Touche' Peters & Mary Foley

Chapel: In memory of Ibba Hawley by Elizabeth J. Brooks

01/29 **Church:** In thanksgiving for Clara & Reid by Randy & Catherine Johnson

Chapel: In memory of Edwin Stone by Jamie & Laura Teele

Birthdays

1/01 Sonia Heckman Stark

1/02 Jason Yockey

1/03 Tom Danielson

Audrey Lahammer

1/05 Beckie Plaas

1/06 JoAnne McNamara

1/08 Jessica Baker

Severson

Meg Lahammer

1/10 Mark Tripp

Neil Lahammer

1/11 Becca Knudsen

1/12 Debra English

1/13 Barbara Knudson

1/16 Joel Seguin Christopherson-Seguin

1/17 Rebecca Martin

Ben von Haaren

1/18 Ned Brown

Matthew Knudson

1/20 Linda Grassle

1/21 Lori Remus

1/24 Bear Blaney

1/27 Sarah Martin

1/28 Barbara von Haaren

1/30 Randy Johnson

1/31 Patricia Tighe

Angela Tripp

Peter Haverlandt

Anniversaries

1/29 Bud & Betty Stolpa



Readers, Cup Bearers, Ushers

A six-month schedule is being developed for these ministries. **Please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board outside the office and sign up for the times/dates you will available.**

Gluten Free Communion Wafers

Gluten free communion wafers are available for those with wheat allergies, gluten intolerance or Celiac Disease.



~ JANUARY 2017 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10a Eucharist	2 Fr. Tristan Day Off	3	4 10a Eucharist 11a Bible Study 5:15p Hospitality Meeting	5 10a Weekly staff meeting	6 8a Warden's Meeting	7 9a Tristan's Study Day
8 8a Eucharist 9a Christian Conversations 9a Sunday School 10a Eucharist 11:15a Bible Challenge 5:30p Confirmation	9 Fr. Tristan On Vacation 9a Boiler Inspection for Church Pension Fund	10 Fr. Tristan On Vacation 4p Communications/IT Meeting	11 Fr. Tristan On Vacation Deacon Steve Retreat 10a Eucharist 11a Bible Study 6p Youth Group	12 Fr. Tristan On Vacation Deacon Steve Retreat 5:30p Property Committee 7p Suicide Support Group	13 Fr. Tristan On Vacation Deacon Steve Retreat 8a Warden's Meeting 9a MOPS	14 Fr. Tristan On Vacation 8a Men's Coffee at Mandys 10:30a Community Engagement Team (CET)
15 Fr. Tristan On Vacation 8a Eucharist 9a Christian Conversations 9a Sunday School 10a Eucharist	16 Fr. Tristan Day Off	17	18 10a Eucharist 11a Bible Study	19 Fr. Tristan-Training	20 Fr. Tristan-Training 8a Warden's Meeting	21 Fr. Tristan-Training 9a Tristan's Study Day 10a ECW Board
22 Fr. Tristan-Training Rector's Discretionary Fund 9a Christian Conversations 10a Eucharist	23 Fr. Tristan Day Off	24	25 10a Eucharist 11a Bible Study 6p Youth Group	26 10a Weekly staff meeting 5p Vestry Meeting	27 8a Warden's Meeting	28 8a Men's Coffee Hour 9a Tristan's Study Day
29 9a Christian Conversations 9a Sunday School 10a Eucharist 10a Potluck 11a Annual Meeting	30 Fr. Tristan Day Off	31 4:30p Altar Guild				



Hope Coalition needs volunteers to be Sexual Abuse advocates. Call 651-388-9360.

Faith in Action needs drivers to transport patients to out of town medical appointments. Remuneration is available for out of town trips.

Care Clinic: CEC provides home cooked meals for Care Clinic volunteers on the 5th Tuesday of the month.

Econo Food Receipts

Remember to continue to bring in your Econo Foods receipts to benefit the Youth Program. The box is located in the Parish Hall on the buffet.

January Sunday Ministries

Please save for reference throughout the month. All Acolytes, Lectors, Readers & Cup Bearers, please gather in the Chapel 15 minutes before the service to pray together.

If you are unable to fulfill your assigned obligation, please find a replacement and notify the office.

Date	Time	Readers	Intercessors	Cup Bearers	Greeters Ushers	Hospitality
01/01 Holy Name	10 a.m.	Pat Welke		Peter von Haaren		
01/08 1st Sunday After Epiphany	8 a.m.	Mary Christensen	Mary Kolderie	Gordie Gieseke	Ray & Becky Shafer	
	10 a.m.	Amy Mayo	Angela Shefveland	Don Mayo Terry Van Allen	Mike Stelton	
01/15 2nd Sunday After Epiphany	8 a.m.	Catherine Johnson	Randy Johnson	Randy Johnson	Ray & Becky Shafer	
	10 a.m.	Don Mayo		Alice Nelson	Mike Stelton	
01/22 3rd Sunday After Epiphany	8 a.m.	Mary Ann Valentine	Mary Christensen	Mary Ann Valentine	Ray & Becky Shafer	
	10 a.m.	Angela Shefveland	Pat Welke	Terry Van Allen	Mike Stelton	
01/29 4th Sunday After Epiphany	10 a.m.	Mary Kolderie	Bob Stark		Mike Stelton	Annual Meeting Potluck
Altar Guild: Marm Nihart, Chair; Sharon Bryan, Asst. Chair; Maureen Blue, Alice Nelson, Dawna McMillen, Char Friedrich, Mary Ann Valentine, Jane Smith, Tari Carpenter. Floater: Barry Preble						

Christ Church LEV Schedule—January 2016

1/8	Charlie Brown & Sue Simonson	Polly Betterly– Valentine's
1/15	Maureen Blue & Terry Van Allen	Jewel Lindrud-St. Crispin Living Community

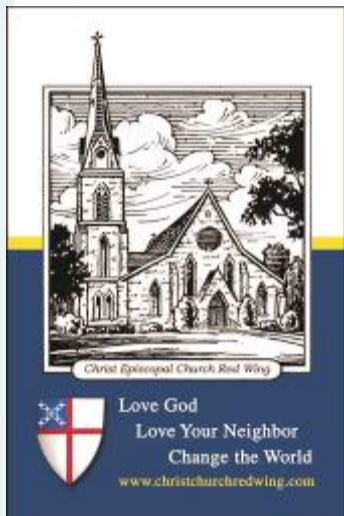


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Change Service Requested



Youth Happenings

- ◆ Sunday School each Sunday
- ◆ Youth Group 1/11 & 1/25



Confirmation

Confirmation Class begins 1/8 at 5:30 p.m.! If you will be 16 or older by October 2017 AND you have not been confirmed or received in The Episcopal Church, please join us. We will meet once a month for about two hours and share a meal, explore our faith, and grow in our knowledge of what it means to be an Episcopalian.