

This Week

The Weekly Letter of Parish News



For the weekend beginning
Saturday, May 19

Pastor's Study

What a week this is at Christ Church! From my office viewpoint, I sit between two LARGE projects: the removal of the historic Verney Organ in the sanctuary and the removal of the old, and the installation of the new, air conditioning unit behind my office. Cranes and all! It's a noisy and busy place around here. I believe both projects are worthwhile and appreciate the efforts behind them all. I also appreciate the blessings both will bring.

This is the perfect week for things to leave as Thursday, May 17th, was the Feast of the Ascension. Former Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning says this: "The Feast of the Ascension acknowledges, at once, the presence and the absence of God. 'While he was blessing them, he left them,' scripture says, 'and was taken up into heaven.' And we stand on the ground, left behind, not at all certain how to discern his presence and his will *here*. Wherever we are, whenever we inhabit the earth for our brief span of life, our project is the same as those left back then: to discern God's will for us and live it fully before the time comes for us to die."

He is risen. He has ascended. So may we also in heart and mind there ascend and with him continually dwell. See you in church!
Martha+

This Week's Calendar

Sat., May 19	11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Eagle Ceremony, Boy Scouts Holy Eucharist
Sun., May 20	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Graduation Recognition Loaves and Fishes Super Sunday Rite I Holy Eucharist Education Hour Rite II Holy Eucharist Brechin Companions Jubilee Kids Club St. Siskel's Guild
Mon., May 21	7:30 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Bodacious Women / off site Men's Bible Study / off site RESULTS Meeting
Tues., May 22	9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Boy Scout Troop 2 Vestry Meeting
Wed., May 23	7:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer
Thurs., May 24	1:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Brother Lawrence Guild Daughters of the King
Fri., May 25	7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Women's Bible Study
Sat., May 26	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist

This Week at the Altar

The Sanctuary Candle is offered to the glory of God by Francis and Carolyn McMann in honor of their friend Joyce Conley who faithfully serves the people of this parish.

Anniversaries

May 20 Les and Katrina Garner
 May 21 Peter and Ida Martin Sorensen
 May 22 Tom and Carol Bruch
 Jason and Julie Harre
 Dennis and Melissa Wagner-Kingery
 May 24 Andy and Rachel Manternach
 May 25 Norm Kalvig and Colleen Mehaffey
 May 26 Juergen and Ellen Bruckner

Birthdays

May 20 Eric Losby, Margaret Steiner
 May 21 Andrew Quist
 May 22 Katy Lee, Robbie Gearhart, Andie Toledo
 May 23 Karen Dalziel
 May 24 Jim Carnegie, Darlene Andreatta, Jerry Anzalone
 May 25 Callista Wise
 May 26 Andy Lennette, Joseph North

This Weekend at Christ Church

Our Boy Scout Troop invites you to join them in the nave this Saturday at 11 a.m. for their Court of Honor and Eagle Scout Ceremony.

Special receptions to honor our graduates will be held following both Sunday services this weekend. We thank the Hogg, Odeen & Salamon families for hosting the reception following the 8 a.m. service and the Christian Formation Commission for sponsoring the reception after the 10:30 service. Congratulations to all our graduates!

The Neighborhood Meals & Enrichment

Program serves meals to Johnson School children every day during the summer. Christ Church has been involved with a group of ten churches providing volunteers, food and monetary donations for many years. It is a fun couple of hours and **your volunteer help is needed**. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex **this weekend, May 19/20**. Bring your calendar and pick a day to help! Any questions contact Mary Craven or the office.

Parish Notes and News

We want to thank everyone who attended our 60th anniversary reception last Sunday and also those who sent us congratulatory cards. Dick & Iona Truxaw.

We invite our Christ Church family to celebrate Allie's high school graduation with us on Wednesday, May 23rd from 5 to 8 p.m. at 2465 Westwind Ln, Cedar Rapids. The Blake Family.

Singers are invited to join the ecumenical **Freedom Festival Choir Concert**. First Lutheran, Westminster Presbyterian, Immaculate Conception Catholic and St. Paul's United Methodist have invited singers from Christ Church to join them for this open choir experience. Rehearsal will be held at the above churches. You do not need to be a member of the choir to participate. Contact Fred Kiser at First Presbyterian for music and schedule (364-6148). The concert will be at 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 24 at the Immaculate Conception Church.

Call for books! The Christ Church Library Committee would love to have gently used books for sale on its Book Cart or for the library. We will accept religious or non-religious books. Please place them on or under the table to the left as you enter the library. Thank you!

This Week at 9:15 (Sunday's Education Hour)

This is the last day of "official" classes.

Heart-Land Godly Play: PreK-3rd
Montessori-style stories & response

Heart-Land Journeys: 5th & 6th
Lectionary-based activities

Youth Groups: Middle/Sr. High
*Journey to Adulthood: Rite 13, J2A, and YAC
Ongoing conversations*

Adult Forum: Bible 101: Come for the Answers, Stay for the Questions. In our class last week, we played "Desert Island Bible," where we chose what favorite Biblical books we would take to a desert island. We had to choose one from the Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, or Deuteronomy), one prophet, one other Old Testament book of choice, one Gospel, and one Letter from the New Testament (or Acts or Revelation). The big winners? Genesis (because of the stories) Exodus (because of its importance), and Isaiah. Psalms and Job got a few votes too. Interestingly, all the Gospels had votes, with Romans being the favorite letter. If you would like to join us for our final session this Sunday, we'll be examining the "Forward Day By Day" readings:

May 14 - Colossians 1:9-14

May 15- Psalm 78:1-39

May 16- Matthew 22:41-46

May 17 - Luke 24:44-53

May 18 - Ephesians 2:1-10

May 19 - Ephesians 2:11-22

See you at 9:15 in the Church Library, with your Bible, of course! Facilitator: Charles Crawley, crcrawley@yahoo.com or 362-2783.

Do you have a passion for service?

If you do, the Jubilee Commission needs your help with 3 new committees: **Literacy, Loaves & Fishes, and Herb Bread**. Choose one or more, or choose one ministry of a committee. For example, just the Halloween Book Give Away in Literacy or just the Kid's Closet in Loaves & Fishes, or just calling for volunteers in Herb Bread. The time commitment can be great or small. Sign up in the narthex, or contact Leslee Sandberg, 350-3853 or LesleeDS@aol.com.

It's Loaves & Fishes Super Sunday!

What is Super Sunday? Every week the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry serves hundreds of hungry people. The third Sunday of each month has been designated as Super Sunday, the day we challenge ourselves to **fill the shopping cart** in the narthex to overflowing! May's date is **THIS Sunday**, the 20th. ! Needed items are:

**soap & toilet paper
canned fruit, soup, vegetables & meat**

Calendar Items

The Christ Church softball team appreciates cheering fans! All games are at Tait Cummins Park, 3000 C St SW. Join us for our next game this Monday, **May 21** as we face the team from The Islamic Center at 7 p.m. on diamond 3. See you at the game!

Relay for Life – Get your walking shoes on and join the Christ Church Team for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on **June 1 & 2** at Kirkwood Community College. In the narthex you will find a signup sheet for walking times & envelopes for collecting contributions. You may also contribute by writing a check to the American Cancer Society and placing it in the offering plate. If you are a cancer survivor you are welcome to walk the Survivors' Lap at 9 a.m. on June 2 and sign up to get a survivor's tee-shirt. If you have questions, please talk with Team Captain, Doug Anderson.

If June's coming, the annual Parish Picnic is, too! Mark your calendar for noon on **June 3** and join the fun as we picnic on the side lawn (by the parlor). Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips, lemonade and iced tea are on the menu and table service will be provided (suggested offering of \$3/person; \$10/family). Please let the planning committee know if you are able to bring a dessert to share by adding your name & dessert to the sign up sheet in the narthex.

It's Coming! Our next Book Fair at Barnes and Noble will be on Sunday, **June 10** from 10 a.m. to closing. Any purchase you make that day will result in a contribution to our summer reading camps. We use the proceeds to buy books for the campers and our camp library. We also purchase reading skill building activities. So if you have been thinking about some summer reading or getting that Nook you have been hoping for, please come to Barnes and Noble on June 10th and mention reading camp at the checkout.

Worship in Redmond Park, 3rd Ave downtown, will take place on June 16, July 21, and Aug. 18 starting at 5 p.m. We are joining churches in hosting these events, with the rain location at Westminster Family Life Center. The churches will serve a simple meal and offer worship. Interested in attending or helping? We want people with lawn chairs, and maybe some dessert to share, to join them. Churches include: First Lutheran; Westminster Presbyterian and St. Paul's United Methodist. Monetary or food donations towards the meals are appreciated. See Martha.

This Weekend's Servers

Saturday, May 19, 5:30 p.m.

Lector/Usher
John Spielman
Chalice Bearer
Liz Varnum

Sunday, May 20, 8:00 a.m.

Lectors/Chalice Bearers
Mark Jayne, Peter Bryant

Acolyte
Paul Salamon

Ushers
Peter and Ida Martin Sorensen

Healing Prayers
Kari Losby

Lay Eucharistic Visitor
Joyce Conley

Sunday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.

Lectors
Janet Olson, Chris Budny, Lois Davis

Chalice Bearers
Doug Anderson, Lance Mack
Vikki Waller

Acolytes
Kylie Hanschman, Maddie Herlocker
Madison Hoge

Ushers
Mike and Jenny Becker
Brad Oppedahl and Julie Bryant

Nursery
Bailey Bloomhall

Greeter
Judy Welch

Flower Delivery
Julie Zimmerman

Summer Ministries Retreat!
Have you registered yet? The 23rd Annual Diocese of Iowa Summer Ministries Retreat at Grinnell College is **June 22-24**. Course information and registration is available in the parish office and narthex or you may register online at www.iowaepiscopal.org.