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What is Faith?

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

A mustard seed is not the tiniest of seeds, but it is small. Jesus seems to be saying to the apostles (and us), just a little bit of faith in God is enough to do courageous things for the sake of the kingdom of God.

What is faith? Oftentimes, faith is synonymous with belief. When we affirm our faith reciting the Nicene Creed, we say, "We believe in one God, the Father . . ." This faith is foundational, certainly, and primarily grounded in the intellect.

A beautiful thing about a faith community, is that when one person's faith waivers, the rest of the Body of Christ can carry them.

Another meaning of faith is *to trust*. This meaning of faith is relational. If my husband tells me he will be home by 6 p.m., I trust that he will be home (unless there is an emergency), and I can plan accordingly. I trust him because he has proven to be faithful to his word in the past.

There have been times in my life when I didn't know which way to turn. I'd



reached the absolute end of my own ideas, strength, and efforts. These situations literally brought me to my knees, when I asked . . . pleaded, for God to help. It was in these times of challenge and confusion when my faith in God increased. These weren't one off prayers, rather prayer, pouring my heart out to God, became a way of life. There weren't big miracles, but overtime, things shifted, either my perspective or the situation changed, things became clearer; there was a path forward. In these times of challenge, I experienced God's presence, guidance and peace and I learned to trust God more. My faith was increased. I give thanks for God's faithfulness.

Eight years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. For several days, I was filled with fear and felt I was looking into a dark abyss, facing my own mortality. It was difficult for me to pray for myself. Thankfully, I was surrounded by good friends, family, and a beloved faith

Rev. Letha continued

community who supported me with love and prayers. Their trust in God buoyed me. A beautiful thing about a faith community, is that when one person's faith waivers, the rest of the Body of Christ can carry them. We need each other.

We are living in challenging times and Christ Church is in transition. You've heard me say this repeatedly, God is with you and loves you. The Spirit is given to you in baptism . . . abides in you and with you, and longs to guide you as a

community into a future of hope and purpose, for the sake of the Kingdom of God. I encourage you to be faithful in prayer, individually and as a community. God is full of steadfast love, mercy, and faithfulness.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6.

Blessings, Letha



Hallgrímskirkja , Reykjavik, Iceland is a Lutheran church and the largest church in Iceland. It has become and import symbol for Iceland's national identity. It took 41 years to build the church. Architect [Guðjón Samúelsson](#) is said to have designed it to resemble the trap rocks, mountains and glaciers of Iceland's landscape.

Community Engagement Team

Thanks to all of you who continue to drop off items for the Red Wing Area Food Shelf. In Letha's sermon on Sunday, September 25, she challenged us to spend 10% of our weekly food bill once a month for the Food Shelf. Let's see if any of us will meet her challenge and we can all watch the contributions grow! These will be blessed at church the first Sunday of each month. Items can be dropped off in the bins in the Parish Hall entryway or at the back of the church.

This year the CROP Hunger Walk: Ending Hunger One Step at a Time, is not just on one particular day, but for the entire month of October.

These Hunger Walks support Church World Service and its work assisting families who are struggling with hunger. Please join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and to help create greater food security in communities around the world.

Please donate today!

SIX CHURCHES AROUND THE PARK ARE WORKING TOGETHER to FIGHT HUNGER

Christ Episcopal, First Lutheran, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, St. Joseph Catholic, United Lutheran

WALK TO EACH OF THE 6 CHURCHES, WALK ALONE OR WITH OTHERS

READ THE HUNGER PRAYER IN THE CHURCH WINDOW AND, CONSIDER DONATING TO HELP

25% of CROP Walk \$\$\$ STAY in Red Wing to support our food shelf.

75% of CROP Walk \$\$\$ are used around the world

To donate on-line:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/red-wing-crop-2022> or checks payable to CWS/CROP Walk through the Christ Church treasurer

First Sunday - Senior Warden Charlie Brown

We are moving on as a parish from the pandemic years, and can see we are coming alive again with many signs of new growth and renewed relationships. We have a fantastic vestry that has been working diligently under the theme of 'Opening the doors to the Holy Spirit, each other, the Red Wing community.' Christ Church is a very special community and it is so good to see everyone again and to be together. Like a cool drink of water on a hot summer's day.

On the first Sunday of the month, we are going to... rest and renew together by gathering around some food and some activities.

We are announcing a pilot project for this Fall called First Sunday. On the first Sunday of the month, we are going to have extended hours where the doors of our church are open. It is meant to provide a place where we can rest and renew together by gathering around food and some activities. We are going to start simply, by having a Potluck brunch instead of coffee hour following

the 10am service. This will be followed by story-telling hour. Our first story teller will be unofficial Christ Church historian, Bill Hoyt who will tell about the stories depicted in our beautiful stained-glass windows and also some early history of our parish. For example, did you know that the 2nd Minnesota Regiment of the Union Army worshipped in our church on their way to the train station at Red Wing to board the train for the Civil War? These stories should prove enjoyable and informative.

We hope you will embrace the concept of First Sunday and join us for this First Sunday, October 2. I do have an ask for you. If you are able, could you bring a dish to pass for our potluck brunch during coffee hour, and if you like, leave in the kitchen prior to the 10am service. It does not have to be fancy, just something simple that we can share as we open our doors to the Holy Spirit, each other and the RW community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Charlie Brown
Sr. Warden



The Church of Saint George, Lalibela, Ethiopia, was carved downwards from a type of volcanic [tuff](#). This is the sole architectural material that was used in the structure. It has been dated to the late 12th or early 13th century AD, and thought to have been constructed during the reign of King Gebre Mesqel Lalibela, of the late Zagwe dynasty. It is among the best known and last built of the eleven churches in the Lalibela area, and has been referred to as the "[Eighth Wonder of the World](#)". It is part of the Ethiopian Orthodox Twahedo Church.



Thoughts from Vicki Jo Lambert

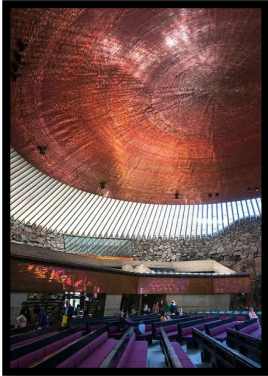
We are told in Christianity to love our neighbor as ourself. What does that even mean? What happens if I don't love myself? What happens if I only see through the eyes of shame? How can I possibly love my neighbor when I can barely stand myself? How can I authentically love myself as a unique child of God? This is where the holy spirit comes in. The holy spirit helps remind us of our yearnings for God. It is only by loving and being in relationship with our Creator and Master Architect that we truly learn how to completely love and genuinely belong to our own self.

Each of us has our own picture of who the “thems” are to us. Them who are unfamiliar to us, them who may offend us, or them who may even scare us.

Then, we can begin authentically loving our neighbors. It's not about who our neighbor is, but about our willingness to be a neighbor. Indulge me please as I substitute the word “them” for “neighbors”. Each of us has our own picture of who the “thems” are to us.

Them who are unfamiliar to us, them who may offend us, or them who may even scare us.

We love them best when we treat those who don't belong as if they do. We love them best when we treat those who don't deserve respect with respect. We love them best when we offer generosity without pity. AND We love them *most* when we pray for them. It's not possible to hate when you pray for someone, including the them. When we pray, we need to remember prayer should also include ourselves. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. ALL the law. The Way of Jesus is the Way of Love. I wonder what might happen if we each kept a gratitude journal for 30 days? I wonder what could happen if we genuinely leaned into God and let the potter reshape us into our unique mission and begin consciously and actively receiving and giving God's love?



Temppehaukio Church is a Lutheran church in the Töölö neighborhood of Helsinki, Finland. It is also known as the Rock Church or Church of the Rock. It might be the only church in the world that could be easily mistaken for a planetarium. It's a mix of ancient and modern, with walls hewn from natural on-site stone formations and a roof made of brilliant copper. The church is used frequently as a concert venue due to its excellent acoustics.

Kris Blaney, Jr. Warden and hostess extraordinaire, prepared these beautiful charcuterie boards For Jubilee Sunday coffee hour.



October Youth News

Welcome back to school everyone. Christ Episcopal is pleased to announce that regular youth group is starting up again.

We will meet on the **2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 4:30 - 6:00**. Food will be involved. (Not Nov. 25 - Holiday Stroll day)

All youth are encouraged to attend:
Oct 9 - San Jose Obrero mission.

Oct 21-3rd Friday Fun Night - Pumpkin Carving

Other opportunities this month at church are:

Oct 2 - First Sunday after church to hang out and enjoy potluck

Oct 8 - Blessing of the Animals

Please reach out to Vicki if you have any questions.

Discussion Group: Where does God fit in?



Calling All Young Adults (age fifty and under)!

How is life going for you? How do you make sense of faith? What are some of your struggles? Where does God fit in? Does God even fit into your life? What do you make of this Jesus?

This is your invitation to a brave space where you can openly wonder about what faith looks like for you.

Conversation will be minimally guided and all questions welcomed. You are invited to a 4 week discussion **Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30pm - October 11, 18, 25, & Nov 1** at Christ Church in the parish hall.

Please reach out to Vicki Jo Lambert if you have any questions.



The hyper-trendy Harajuku district of Tokyo, Japan is better known for its street style scene than for its religious structures. But you can take a break from a busy day of shopping and visit this sleek, modernist Protestant church that opened in 2006. The design concept is based on the lucky number seven, so there are seven gently curving arches in the nave. The church also doubles as a concert hall, so the acoustics are impeccable.

Goal Almost Reached for \$1000 Check from Family Fare

As of this Caller, you folks have given the church, in Family Fare receipts, the amount of \$140,000 toward the total amount of \$150,000.

When we reach this total, Family Fare will send the church a check in the amount of \$1,000, which will be put toward the Youth Group and Sunday School.

Thank you for saving you receipts and please keep them coming.

-Marian Gustafson



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 David Lee
 2 Konnor Kelly
 Willow Whalen
 6 Abe Reinitz
 8 Maureen Blue
 9 Marlis Whitmore
 11 Kris Hager
 20 Annette Johnson
 22 Judy Carpenter
 25 Sharon Bryan
 27 Bill Foot
 31 Ben Meyer
 Peg Sutherland

Anniversaries

5 Chris and Laura Knutson
 11 Gordie and Sandy Gieseke
 Rex and Shelby Miller
 25 Jon and Mary Heckman



Church of the Transfiguration on Kizhi Island, Russia is a 22-dome structure that was built in 1714, and is famous for one major engineering feat: Not a single nail was used in the construction. Instead, the church was built with horizontal logs that interlock in the corners.

Altar Flowers for October

- October 2** Chapel Open
 Church **In memory of Gordon and Harriet Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Malkerson, and Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Lee**
David Lee
- October 9** Chapel **In thanksgiving for family**
Maureen and John Blue
 Church **In memory of husband, Robert**
Marilyn Grosse
- October 16** Chapel **In memory of Polly Foot Thompson**
 (daughter of E. H. Foot)
Foot Memorial Fund
 Church **In memory of Betty, Tom and Peggy Brown**
Charles and Lynn Brown
- October 23** Chapel **In loving memory of Dale and Lorraine Remus**
Lori Remus
 Church **In loving memory of Seneca, Alice & Dennis VanGuilder and Glenn & Vivian Richter**
Given by Sandy Richter and children
- October 30** Chapel and Church Open

There are some open dates for Flower on the Altar. Please contact Maureen Blue if you want to sig up for a date. Phone 651-385-0574 or email: maureenblue108@yahoo.com

Upcoming Christian Conversations and Other Events

Christian Conversations

October 2: Rev. Dr. Blair Pogue, our diocesan missionary of innovation and vitality, will be with us at 9 a.m. for Christian Conversations and preach at our 10 a.m. service. I encourage you all to attend. Blair was the former rector of St. Matthews Episcopal Church, in St. Paul, for 17 years, a vital congregation, where she practiced innovation and also helped develop innovative ecumenical church leaders through Luther Seminary.

October 8, 10:30 on the front lawn, Blessing of the Animals. Bring your furry friends to give thanks for the joy they bring us and we'll bless them.

October 9 & 16, at 9 a.m. a two-part series on the Book of Job, led by Ron Weitnauer, a new member who is an experienced Bible Study leader.

October 23, 9 a.m. Our Hmong-American Episcopal brothers and sisters in Christ, from Holy Apostles, St. Paul, will be with us to share their experience as refugees and becoming Episcopalians. The Rev. Wa Meng Lor, will preach at the 10 a.m. service.

October 30, 9 a.m. Karen Olson, the mission of ministry at the diocese will be with us to answer questions about the transition and search processes at Christ Church.

November 6, 1st Sunday, 11:45-1:15 p.m (after the potluck)

Join missionary for communications of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, Emilia Seay Allen, for a time of storytelling and story-listening on All Saints Day.

While “storytelling” is a bit of a buzzword in the faith world right now, telling and listening to stories is ancient and profoundly human. It requires no special talent, just an invitation to slow

down and listen. Stories reveal the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the lives of our neighbors. Telling our own stories can reveal the divine spark we each carry, and listening deeply and with an open heart to another’s story is an act of prayer, revealing the unique way the Spirit lives and breathes in our neighbor. In our time together, Emilia will guide us in fun exercises that will help us find and share our stories about the saints in our own lives—no ‘performing’ needed. (You might be surprised what you can learn about someone you have known for years, just by listening to them tell a story!)

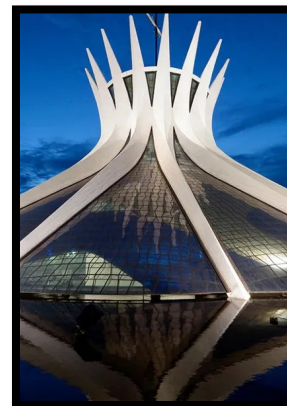
In addition to her work for the diocese, Emilia is a theater artist with a passion for musical storytelling and shared, ritual experiences. She has taught and directed opera and theater across the country. In 2014, Emilia founded a company of Minneapolis-based musical storytellers, Impossible Salt. Together, the company created original, physical theater inspired by folktales, and developed a new process for collaborative devising. Today, Emilia plays at the intersection of the arts and spirituality, exploring new ways for groups of all creeds, ages, and abilities to find and share experiences of the mystery that animates creation.

Volunteer opportunities:

October 8, 11-1, Open House, need volunteers to welcome folks into our beautiful church and chapel, during the Fall Art Show. Please contact Letha if you are available.

October 9, 1-5 p.m. San Jose Obrero Mission, a seasonal ministry of our diocese, in Montgomery, MN. We'll serve a meal (ordered from a Mexican restaurant) and worship with the community of migrant workers at the food packing plant. Please let Vicki or Letha know if you can support us.

Needed weekly Sunday morning services: Readers of lessons and leaders of prayers, please sign up on the bulletin board.



Cathedral of Brasilia, Brazil

Is it a bouquet of flowers? A sunburst? A UFO? No matter what you see in the 16 concrete pillars that make up this cathedral in Brazil's capital, you have to admit it's a striking bit of architecture. The cathedral, designed by famed architect Oscar Niemeyer, is dedicated to Mary and a column at the entrance depicts scenes from her life. But that isn't the only artistic feature inside the building: There are four bells, a reflecting pool, and sculptures of angels that hang from a stained-glass ceiling.

October 2022 Calendar and Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 First Sunday Potluck <i>Rite II</i> 8:00 am Christian Conv. 9:00 am <i>Rite II</i> 10:00 am Music	3 Junior Guild 12 noon Sewing Group 1:00 pm	4	5 Chapel Service 10:00 Hospitality 5:30 pm Choir 6:30	6	7	8
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Every Sunday: **October Christian Conversations**
9:00 am. See page 7 of this issue for details

Choir Rehearsal: Oct 5, 12, 19 & 26—6:30 pm

Junior Guild: Oct. 3—12 noon

Sewing Group: Oct. 3 & 10—1 pm

Hospitality Committee: Oct. 5 —5:30 pm

Vestry: Oct 17 5:00 pm

Fun for All Night: Oct 21—5:30 pm

Faith Conversations: Oct 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1
7:00 pm

Youth Group: Oct 14 & 28—4:30 pm

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, October 8th:

10:30 a.m. **Blessing of the Animals**, on the Front Lawn, bring your furry family members, and tell your neighbors and friends.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Need 3-4 volunteers to serve as hosts for a **Christ Church open house** during the **Fall Red Wing Art Fair**.

Sunday, October 9th, all afternoon: Christ Church serves a meal for the San Obrero Mission in Montgomery, MN. Volunteers needed. Talk to Vicki or Letha

Friday, October 21, 5-8 p.m. Friday Fun Night for all. Pumpkin Carving and dinner, sponsored by Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m.—2 p.m. All Church Bazaar and Bake Sale. Everyone is invited to participate by donating items or by shopping at the Bazaar.

ECW Fall Friday Fun Night

Fun Awaits You

October 21st, 2022 @ 530pm



Pumpkin Decorating

CEC Fellowship Hall

- Carving w/parent supervision (bring your own "tools")
- Painting for the younger kids or the young at heart!

Hot Dogs, Chips, and Treats provided!

Please sign up so we can be sure everyone has a pumpkin!

Deadline: October 16



All Church Bazaar and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 12 from 9 am – 2 pm

Pecans will be for sale in one pound bags.

Call Marilyn Potswald to order (385-8025)

They will be available for pick up at the sale.

Dear Church Family,

The Junior Guild will again be having our All Church Bazaar and Bake Sale. It will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to participate by donating items or by shopping.

The profits from the Bazaar and Bake Sale are used for church projects, such as the flowers beds outside the church , the stove and the refrigerator for kitchen, ECW speakers and last year, the new blinds for the Sunday school.

In past years we have had pecans, baked goods, hand work, crafts, jewelry, bird houses, etc. **Be creative and help make this year FANTASTIC!**

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