

# THE CALLER

Christ Episcopal Church, Red Wing, MN

September 2023

A letter from . . .

Pastor Aaron Twait

*Dear Friends,*



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**I made a visit to my local craft store last night to find that everything has turned into pumpkins, leaves, and Halloween!**

It's a stark reminder that, even with some 90-degree days likely ahead of us, fall is right around the corner. As we move into fall and parish activities pick up, I'd like to highlight a few things concerning our common life together as a community.

### Common Cup –

I'm grateful to everyone who provided feedback concerning distribution of wine at communion. After prayerful deliberation, I've discerned that we will continue our current practice, with one modification. From a theological standpoint, the reasons come down to modeling the inclusivity and commitment to safety and health that Jesus models for us in the Gospels. We have a very high proportion of parishioners who cannot tolerate gluten. Some of them have commented that our current practice allows them to consume the wine for the first time ever, since tinting wheat wafers contaminates the cup for them. It's also clear that although the alcohol in the wine and wiping the cup after each sip helps to mitigate the spread of germs, we cannot entirely prevent transmission, especially if things that are not lips come into contact with the wine.

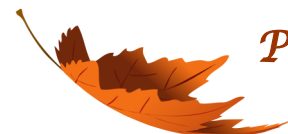
I know that this decision will disappoint those of you for whom receiving directly from the cup is an important spiritual practice. To that end, we will make a separate cup available from which you may instinct, if you so choose. Thanks to everyone for your patience as we work through this small but important change to worship.

### Common Prayer – Blessing Our Children!

Our worship on September 10th will include a Blessing of the Backpacks! We invite all our families with school-age children to bring their backpacks that morning for a special prayer and blessing for a safe school year filled with learning, growth, and deepening friendships. If you have friends, relatives, or neighbors who cannot come but would like to have their backpacks blessed, please feel free to bring the backpacks that morning. And did I mention the root beer floats after church? I hope you'll be able to join us for this special event.

### Common Life – Third Fridays!

I'm pleased to tell you that our Third Fridays will return for the fall, winter, and spring! Our goal is to create intergenerational events which invite our neighbors in. Being able to gather in community is important for everyone, especially for families. The Pew Research Center recently reported that 73% of Americans said spending time with family is "one of the most important things" in their life. Nothing else topped 32%. In a culture that doesn't always promote family togetherness, creating gathering spaces is one of the most important things we can do as a church. So, whether you're a newborn, an elder, or somewhere in between, please join us every third Friday, starting in October, for a meal and an activity that everyone can enjoy! I'm grateful to ECW for kicking off our year with a pumpkin carving on October 20th. May the peace and love of God bless you richly this month,



*Pastor Aaron*



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*Happy Fall Y'all!* 

**From Angela Shefvland**

*Can you smell that? Pumpkin spice, dried leaves and apple cider. Autumn is upon us. Cabins are closing and kids are heading back to school, it's a perfect time to return to Christ Episcopal Church in Red Wing.*

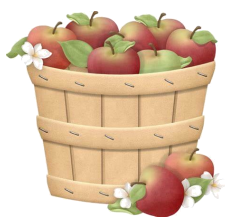
*So many great things are starting up again and you can fill your calendar with fun and fellowship. Here are some great opportunities to join the fun and serve God all at the same time!*

## **First Sunday Celebrations . . .**

Back by popular demand, Charlie Brown and his team are inviting everyone to enjoy conversation and a Potluck meal following Sunday 10am service. The new season kicks off on Sunday, October 8. You never know what may be planned, storytelling, live music, anything is possible.

## **Friday Fun Night's . . .**

Fun for all ages and dinner too! There were some great events last year including Thanksgiving Dinner and Cards, Cookie Decorating, and Hot Reads for Cold Nights. ECW will be hosting Pumpkin Carving on Friday, October 27 at 5:30 pm. Watch for the signup sheet on the Bulletin Board or just let me know, and I will make sure a pumpkin is saved just for you. Please consider hosting, or if you have a great idea but are not sure how to make it happen, let Pastor Aaron, Kris, or myself know and we will try to make it happen.



## **Sunday School . . .**

Catechesis of the Good Shepard kicks off in October and I for one cannot wait to see those smiling faces and hear those little footsteps as the kids join us at services on Sunday.

## **Choir . . .**

Who doesn't love the sound of the organ combined with the beautiful voices of our choir members (if you don't, try the 8am service)? After their summer break, it will be a blessing to see and hear them process down the aisle once again.

## **Holiday Stroll . . .**

We would like to offer our lawn as a nice place to grab a cookie, some apple cider and warm up by the fire pit. Interested in helping? Contact myself or Beckie Plaas. It is great conversation and an excellent spot to enjoy beautiful downtown Red Wing.

*Pastor Aaron is off and running as Priest in Charge. He has been attending committee meetings and visiting with parishioners all in an effort to get to know us as a church community but there are so many that he has not had the opportunity to get to know. I invite you to join us on a Wednesday or Sunday, grab your nametag and find a seat...anywhere.*

*All are welcome at this Lord's Table.*



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## Labor Day Already?

by Kris Blaney

### *Happy Labor Day!*

Wait...what? Is it Labor Day already? How can that be? It seems just yesterday it was the start of Summer, aka Memorial Day. Our months of enjoying the outside weather are so limited that we take in as much as we can of vitamin D before the ground freezes and we are back hibernating with the bears.

That got me thinking...why do we consider Labor Day the unofficial end of summer? Is it because the kids go back to school? Yep, that's pretty much the short answer. When my kids were younger I would enjoy this day because it was the time I could breathe and celebrate. I'm sure if some of the younger parents are reading this, you're nodding your head in agreement.

But do we really enjoy the holiday? Do we take this extra day and truly give ourselves a break? I know, all these questions to ponder. Here's something to think about. We are given this gift of an extra day of rest and we can thank the founders of this holiday all the way back to 1882. We should honor them by taking that day and doing something enjoyable and relaxing. However, if you are anything like me, you take advantage of

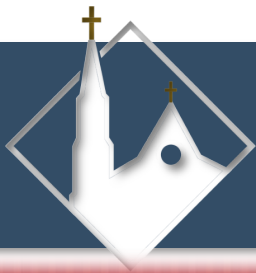
the extra day to get caught up on projects, cleaning, or anything that you haven't been able to get to.

*Start a new tradition for Labor Day, do something fun, either by yourself or with family. Take a road trip, lay in a hammock, go for a boat ride, start a book. Do something other than checking things off a list. And I dare you to wear white after Labor Day... I'm not scared*

*Blessings  
Kris Blaney  
Junior Warden*







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## Ronald McDonald Dinner

**The Ronald McDonald House dinner was a great success!  
Eight people helped, including children.**

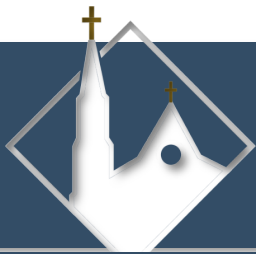


**The dinner was sloppy joes, salad, chips and a wonderful  
chocolate peanut butter bar.**

**Forty people were served and lots of conversation. It is so nice to be  
able to assist and give comfort when needed.**

*Thanks to everyone that helped  
to make this a win!*





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## Visit from Bishop Loya & Clergy



*Christ Church welcomed  
Bishop Craig Loya on  
August 20th . . .*



for his biennial parish visitation. The bishop was accompanied by . . .

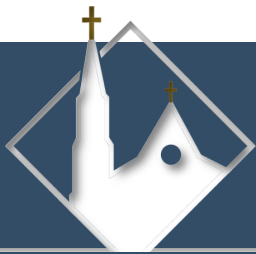
- ◆ Rev. Jeckonia Okoth, ECMN's Missioner for Multicultural Ministries,
- ◆ Very Rev. Cindi Brickson, Dean of the Southern Region.

Along with preaching and presiding at Eucharist, Bishop Loya confirmed **Aiden Miller** as he reaffirmed the promises made for him at his baptism.

We're grateful for everyone who was present in body or spirit to support Aiden at his confirmation, and to everyone who worked hard to breathe life and Spirit into the morning! At the risk of forgetting someone, special thanks go to: John Albright and the choir members for sharing their musical gifts, the Altar Guild for their work to ensure that we looked our very best, the Hospitality Team for arranging the reception that followed the service, and Ron Weitnauer and his team for their work with the sound and video in the sanctuary.







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## Notes from Dawne . . .

### Flowers



I will be taking over this responsibility starting in September.

Everything has been transferred and explained to me, but I'm still pretty **green** on it all, so I hope you will be patient with me. If you need to contact me, you can of course, call the office or send an email to [office@christchurchrw.org](mailto:office@christchurchrw.org)

Thank you,  
Dawne :o)

*Dear Parish Family,*

*I wanted to thank everyone for being so kind and caring toward me. You have made this transition pure joy. I can't imagine not having you in my life.*

*Much love and thank you again,*

Dawne



### Looking forward to the children starting Sunday School!

I would love to have some new pictures for my office bulletin board.

**Hint! Hint!**



### History

While doing some organizing I found multiple documents and pictures of Christ Church. **They are amazing!**

Whoever handles the historical items, please give me a call or email.

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## Our Partners in God's Work: Goodhue County Resource Center



Helping families and individuals access resources in our community.

#### NEW HOURS:

Monday 11am—4pm  
Tuesday 12pm—7pm  
Thursday 11am—4pm  
Friday 11am—4pm

- Housing
- Physical & Mental Health
- Chemical Dependency
- Legal Services
- Child Care

- Education
- Employment
- Pregnancy
- Food
- Social Services





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Community Engagement Team

Pat Martin

## CROP HUNGER WALK



ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Six churches around the park are fighting for hunger together! Please join us with your steps and donations. This help will reach members of our own community (25% goes to our local food shelf) as well as communities around the world. There will be prayers posted at each church during the month of October if you choose to walk. Pat Martin will have a table in the Parish Hall during the first Sunday October potluck if you would like to donate then, or make a check out to CWS/CROP WALK and drop it in the collection plate. Please start saving your loose change now—every bit will help. You can also join our team and donate online at :

[2023 CROP Hunger Walk - Christ Episcopal Church \(Red Wing, MN\)](#)

This is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service and you can find the information at this web page.

**Pick a Nonprofit:** This is the final month of this quarterly drive collecting gas only gift cards. If you would like to participate, please pick up a gas only gift card from any fuel store in any amount (\$5, \$10,\$20). You may drop them off at the church office, put in the Sunday collection plate, or give to Vicki Lambert, Mary Heckman, Tari Carpenter, or Pat Martin. These would then be given to Faith in Action, Hope Coalition, and our clergy discretionary fund for people struggling to fill their gas tanks.

**Food Shelf:** The first Sunday of the month is Food Shelf Sunday. Items in the food shelf basket will be blessed on these Sundays, but food items are welcome any day of the month. Please drop off items in the labeled bins in the Parish Hall or the back of the church. The Food Shelf presently is in need of all kinds of baking and cooking items.

*Thank you for your generosity!*







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Bazaar and Bake Sale !



Junior Guild

## *Junior Guild will be having their All Church Bazaar & Bake Sale!*



When: November 11th

Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Where: Christ Episcopal Church, Parish Hall

All are welcome to contribute to the Bazaar and Bake Sale that helps to pay for many things the church needs.

We would love, love, love to have all kinds of crafts and goodies! It would be nice to exhibit the wonderful talents this church family has.

Some of the items we've had in past Bazaars are . . .

Baked goods  
Pecans  
All kinds of crafts  
Jewelry  
Birdhouses



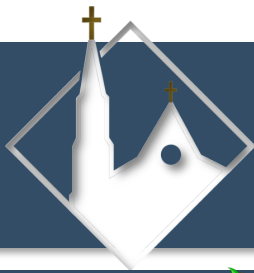
We ask that your items be priced and make sure the baked goods are packaged as well.

### NOTE:

We are looking for new members too. If you have the first Monday of the month to spend at 12:00 noon for about an hour, we'd love to have you. It would be a short meeting plus dessert.

*This is such a wonderful event.  
Let's make it fantastic this year too!*





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## September 2023 Scheduled Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:00 pm NA in Youth Room
3 8 am Eucharist 10 am Eucharist	4 12:00pm Junior Guild	5	6 10:00 Eucharist 5:00pm Women's AA 5:30pm Hospitality Meeting 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7 6:30 MOPS	8	9 10:30am Community Engagement Team 7:00 pm NA in Youth Room 5-8pm Red Wing Block Party!
10 8 am Eucharist 10 am Eucharist	11	12 5:30pm Property Committee Meeting	13 10:00am Eucharist w/discussion 5:00pm Women's AA 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16 9:30am ECW Meeting 7:00pm NA Youth
17 8 am Eucharist 10 am Eucharist	18	19 3:00pm Altar Guild 5:00pm Vestry Meeting	20 10:00 Eucharist w/discussion 5:00pm Women's AA 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	21 6:30 MOPS	22	23 7:00 pm NA in Youth Room
24 8 am Eucharist 10 am Eucharist	25 4:30pm Altar Guild	26	27 10:00 Eucharist 5:00pm Women's AA 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 7:00pm NA in Youth Room

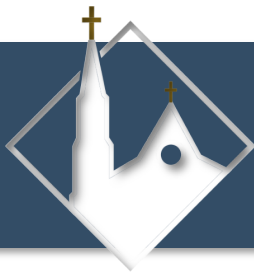


**9/9 - Red Wing Block Party**

*(We'll be doing the Scavenger Hunt again)*

**10/27 - ECW Pumpkin Carving!**

**11/11 - ECW Church Bake Sale & Bazaar**



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## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

2 Lily Befort  
4 Mike Martin  
5 Helen Fanslow  
5 Rev. Vicki Lambert  
6 Melinda Spohn  
10 Marissa Kelly  
11 Dennis Whitmore  
16 Brendon Kelly

19 Carol Kosec  
20 June Miller  
23 Kelly Johnson  
23 Reid Johnson  
27 Barney Flueger  
29 Lawrence Fanslow  
30 Laura Prink

### Anniversaries

1 Zoe & Richard Malinchoc Devoe  
3 Kelly & Lindsay Johnson  
5 Dennis & Marlis Whitmore  
18 Scott & Peggy Danielson  
20 Joseph & Patricia Tighe  
27 Kris & Shawn Blaney



## Altar Memorial Flowers for September

September 3

Chapel

**In Memory of Bessie Foot**  
*Foot Memorial Fund*

Church

**In Memory of Husband Jim**  
*Jean Featherstone*

September 10

Chapel

**In Memory of Mary Flueger**  
*Barney Flueger*

Church

**In Loving Memory of Mother & Father, Cheryl & Lowell Mann**  
*Given by Children, Arthur & Samantha*

September 17

Chapel

**In Memory of Jessie Joyce Foot (2<sup>nd</sup> wife of EH Foot)**  
*Foot Memorial Fund*

Church

**In Celebration of Family**  
*Heather, Todd, Willow Whalen*

September 24

Chapel

**In Memory of Jane Smith, Victor & Lorna Smith & C. F. McClellan**  
*Alan Smith*

Church

**In Memory of Dr. George & Ibba Hawley**  
*Jane Hawley Cooper*



Please contact [Dawne](#) to sign up for altar flowers for any time of the year.  
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