



# The Angelus

The Church of the Holy Nativity

• Clarendon Hills, IL

• February, 2010

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## **FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS AT CHN**

### **Sunday, February 7**

ALL ACOLYTE TRAINING

There will be a "sharpen up your acolyte skills" training for all current acolytes and for those interested in becoming acolytes at 11:30 a.m.

### **Sunday, Feb. 14**

JAZZ SERVICE - 9:30 A.M.

Say goodbye to Epiphany in style and sway your way into Lent.

### **Tuesday, Feb. 16**

SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Supper and Plate-a-Thon 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Feb. 17**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.

### **Tuesdays, Feb. 23-March 23**

BROWN BAG AND BIBLE: A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Bring your lunch and delve into the Bible

### **Thursdays, Feb. 25-March 25**

LENTEN CLASSES: HOW DOES CHRIST SAVE US?

An exploration of three Classical Atonement Theories and why they matter to us today.

### **Friday, Feb. 26**

SUPPER CLUB

Menu – Italian Potluck begins at 6:00 p.m.

### **Friday & Saturday, Feb. 26 - 27**

30-HOUR FAMINE

Fast for Food and help raise money to make a change in the lives of Hungry children around the world.

### **Sunday, Feb. 28**

BOOK GROUP

"NUDGE: Improving Decisions about Health, wealth and Happiness"

**FIND OUT ABOUT THESE EVENTS & MORE INSIDE!**



## A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS

*“‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’ Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’ But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid.’”*

Jeremiah’s call story, which we heard last Sunday, is one of my favorite pieces of scripture. I love hearing the boy-turned-powerful-prophet Jeremiah’s honesty before God— his insecurity, his uncertainty, his fear. I love the humanity of Jeremiah’s admission. For, don’t we all know the feeling of not being good enough, of not having what it takes for the task ahead? Don’t we all know what it is like to be afraid that the task ahead will be more than we can handle?

I, for one, always love when scripture gives me permission to admit my humanity. Ironically, being *human* is one of the things that we humans struggle hardest against. We feel we have to know it all, do it all, BE all. Admitting our own frailty is one of the most difficult struggles humanity faces.

And so Jeremiah speaks: “but I am only a boy.” Replace “a boy” with whatever our own perceived weakness. “But I am not good enough”... “smart enough”... “strong enough”... “faithful enough”... “learned enough”... And so we excuse ourselves, seeking a way out of the call God holds before us.

As some of you know, my journey toward parenting has been a journey of fear and uncertainty. Though I felt a pull, a call, deep within to parent, I feared that I wasn’t up to the task. Parenting will ask too much of me. It will be too hard to be priest and parent. I won’t have what it takes for the task ahead. For four years, I struggled to be excused from the call of parenting.

But God responds to our excuses. “Do not say, ‘I am not good/smart/strong/faithful/ learned enough. For YOU shall go where I send you.’” As God called Jeremiah beyond the limits of his fear and his imagination, so God calls each one of us. God assures us that as we follow the Spirit’s call beyond ourselves, God will guide us to discover and develop the resources we need along the way. People might emerge to help us. Teachers might appear to teach us. Hidden talents that we didn’t know we had might arise from within. We need not be afraid to follow God’s call on our lives; for, God goes with us.

After four years of resisting, this understanding finally sunk in for me. I no longer needed to resist the deep spiritual call to parenting. Alyson willingly followed. We are happy to share that we are now on the joyful journey toward becoming parents. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor and advancements in medical technology, I am four months pregnant. Like any new parents, we are still asking, “are we strong/smart/able enough for this task?!?” But God has called us on this journey and speaks to us, “I formed you. I know you. I consecrated you. Do not be afraid.”

For, the God who formed us— who knows our hopes, our fears, our insecurities—calls each of us to new and unknown places. God may call us to explore deep and daunting places inside of ourselves. God may call us to step out in faith and try something new. God may call us to open ourselves to community in a new and vulnerable way. God may call us to journey to a suffering people, carrying with us relief and hope. For, the God who formed us knows our frailty and fears, but God also knows the strength and Spirit that resides within each one of us.

—Aimée

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## ***CALLED TO GROW, SENT TO SERVE, OPEN TO SHARE***

*Submitted by Mimi Johnson*

One of the many important agenda items at annual meeting was the introduction of the new Discernment Committee. Discernment is a time of prayerful reflection and discussion before making a major decision. We have an unmet goal from our vision with a previous rector and a previous Capital Campaign Drive:

Universal Access. With our new rector we, as a parish, need to reflect on who God is calling us to be and where accessibility lies within this vision.

The Discernment Committee was formed to guide the parish through this reflection and discussion process. Its members are myself as chair; Jackie Price, communications; Bob Capulli, buildings and grounds; Kim Coogan-Rogers, finance; Chris Nelson, small groups; Elizabeth Reis, recorder; Christine Massie, outgoing warden; Jeff Dillon and Sheree Capulli, wardens; and Aimee Delevett, rector.

Our overall plan is simple. Share with each other. Listen for the voice of God in the voice of our community. Hear everyone.

This month, every household in the parish will receive a personal invitation to one of eight small-group events that will be held in March. Each event has the same structured agenda with a facilitator trained by our consultant, Terri Mathes. You won't want to miss this opportunity to participate in the future of our church.

Watch for your invitation to arrive, RSVP a YES or let us know which event you *will* be able to attend – and make this a priority. Keep in mind that each person in the household can attend the event that best meets his/her schedule. We need you in this vision; we need to know *your* vision.

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## **Q & A ON DISCERNMENT**

*by Mimi Johnson*

### **I thought this was about accessibility. What is it we're doing?**

It is very much about the unmet goal, accessibility. We, as a parish, need to reflect on who God is calling us to be at this time and where accessibility lies within this vision. Just like with the leftovers in your refrigerator there comes a time when you must decide if you will finish it up, use it to create another meal, or throw it away, and we have reached decision-making time. Using the food analogy: how will the food left in our fridge be part of our overall meal planning?

### **We already decided that accessibility was a goal in 2003. Are we starting all over again?**

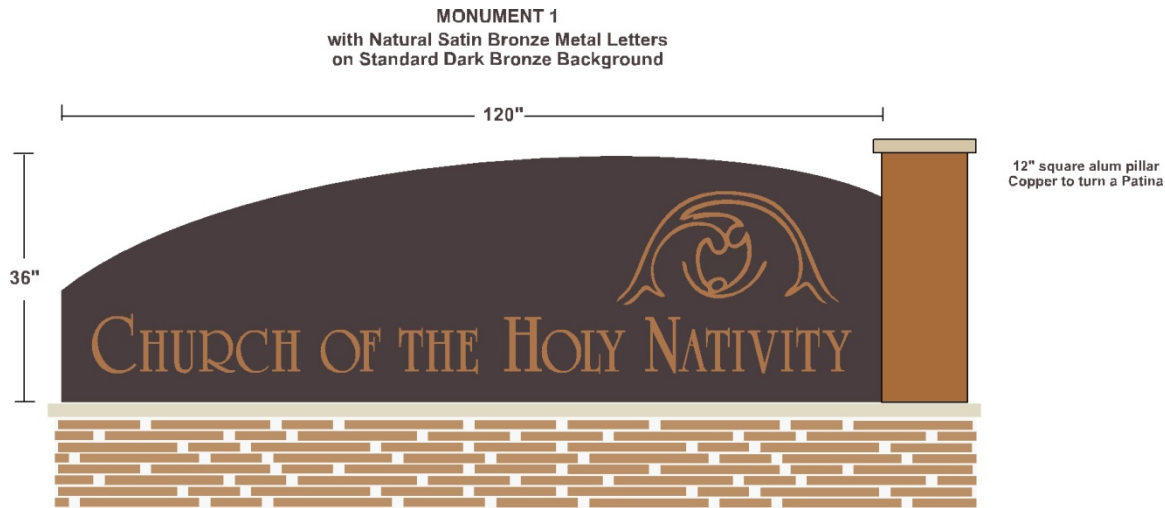
You are right; universal access is an unmet goal from the discernment process in 2003. However, 75 adult parishioners have joined CHN since the goals of the 2003 Capital Campaign were discerned. Thinking in food terms, they didn't get to share the original meal; it's all new food to them. We need a meal in which everyone can share.

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## CHN MEMORIAL SIGN

At Annual Meeting we shared plans for a new sign at CHN. Dedicated to the memory of Bob and Ruth Ann Mason and the other founders of our community of faith, we are excited to share the new sign design with you. The sign will be installed toward the end of April, once we are clear of threats from frost. It will be installed in the same general area where the sign now sits, moving a few feet closer to Richmond. In order to enhance visibility, we will be installing new lighting and we will be removing the bushes that line 55<sup>th</sup> Street. The current sign will stay in place through installation, and at our Spring workday all will be invited to help remove the bushes along 55<sup>th</sup> Street and demolish the current sign. You can even take home a piece of history—a chunk of the current sign! The sign design and the materials that will be used to make the sign are on display in the Ford Room. Please check it out! You can get a first peek here:



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### ACOLYTES



*Submitted by  
Mimi Johnson*

**ACOLYTE TRAINING**...On **Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** there will be a “sharpen up your acolyte skills: training for all current acolytes at **11:30 a.m.** We will have pizza for lunch at noon so let Mimi know if you will be staying for pizza or not. We will finish our training before pizza.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ACOLYTE?**..Anyone interested in becoming an acolyte should plan on attending the **ACOLYTE TRAINING on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** Pizza will be served at noon. New acolyte training will continue after lunch and be finished by 12:45 p.m. Please let Mimi Johnson (630-985-4814 or [mimi3296@comcast.net](mailto:mimi3296@comcast.net) ) know if you are interested in becoming an acolyte and will be attending this training.

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Sunday, February 14

9:30 a.m.

# JAZZ MASS

On this last Sunday before Lent,  
we'll say goodbye to Epiphany in style  
and sway our way into Lent.

Mark Hodges, George Klippel,  
Jeff Johnson, and Marianne Thompson  
will lead the soul-stirring sounds.

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**SAVE THE  
DATE:**

**FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER  
AND PLATE-A-THON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**



Enjoy pancakes brought to you by CHN's youth group, and help them raise funds by sponsoring them for the Plate-a-thon. The more plates Rev. Aimee washes, the more money the youth group earns. So, we need your mouth so we can fill more plates!

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## ***YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE!***

February may be the shortest month of the year, but for the junior and senior high youth groups, it will be jam-packed with events! Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Plate-a-thon will take place on **Tuesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Ford Room**. I know that you look forward to this event all year, so mark your calendars and come chow down on some breakfast for dinner! Proceeds from the Plate-a-thon will go *directly* to the youth groups' mission trip fund. Our goal this year: to raise *at least* \$1500. The junior high youth will be traveling to Green Bay, WI to aid in shelters and soup kitchens, as well as with some community clean-up. The senior high youth will combine with other youth and adult members of the Diocese and travel to the coast of Mississippi to repair and rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Please consider pledging to the Plate-a-thon to help us defray some of these costs! Rev. Aimee will wash all of the plates from the pancake supper, and you can pledge per plate washed or donate a flat amount. For tickets and info, contact me or see any of the youth after church.

Our next adventure in February will be the 30-hour Famine! From **12 noon on Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>**, the youth will abstain from eating in order to raise funds for world hunger. WorldVision, who sponsors the Famine, has informed us that a portion of the proceeds will benefit those recovering from the earthquake in Haiti. We will also be collecting canned goods and non-perishables to donate to the local community. Part of the famine includes an overnight lock-in at the church, games, activities, service projects and "breaking of the fast" Saturday evening. If you are interested in helping with the famine, even for just a few hours, please contact me!

Thank you for your generous and continuing support of CHN's youth, especially this month as we work to help others in our community and the world.

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**REMINDER:** Junior high youth group meets weekly, Sunday evenings from **5-6:30 p.m.** and the senior high youth group meets from **7-8:30 p.m.** We meet at CHN downstairs in the youth rooms. Youth are always encouraged to bring friends! If you have any questions, please contact Louisa Hallas at [CHNyouth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:CHNyouth@sbcglobal.net) or at 847-951-4138.

**5:30-6:30 p.m.** Junior High Youth Group Meets

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Senior High Youth Group Meets

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## ***BROWN BAG AND BIBLE: A LENTEN LECTIONARY BASED BIBLE STUDY***

Tuesdays, February 23- March 23, Noon

Bring your lunch and delve into the Bible every Tuesday in Lent. We'll gather at noon in the Ford Room and explore the coming Sunday's Gospel reading through the African Bible Study Method. We will be finished within the hour, so come for your lunch break!

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**LENT CLASSES 2010  
HOW DOES CHRIST SAVE US?**

**Three Classical Atonement Theories  
and Why They Matter for Us Today**

Thursdays, February 25- March 25, 7-8:15 p.m.

Atonement. At-One-Ment. How does the work and person of Christ make us one, with God, with ourselves, and with each other? How does Christ reconcile us? In other words, how does Christ save us? And why do we need saving, anyway? These are the questions we will engage together this Lent.

Many Christians and non-Christians are familiar with Satisfaction Theory, the theory that God sent Jesus to die on the cross to make reparations to God for the sins of humanity. But this is just one of three classical Atonement Theories. For some people, this is a powerful theology; but, for other people this theology simply doesn't work, and may even offend or repel. But there are other ways to understand the work of Christ.

Through an exploration of scripture, hymns, prayers, the ancient fathers of our faith, and contemporary theologians (including liberation, feminist, and womanist theologians), we will "try on" various Atonement Theories and open the door to making meaning of Jesus for ourselves in a class that promises to be engaging and enlightening.

**WEEKLY COURSE SCHEDULE**

**Atone-what!?: What is Atonement and why does it matter?**

Thursday, February 25

**Satisfaction Theory: Vicarious Suffering and Forgiveness of Sin**

Thursday, March 4

**Christus Victor: Cosmic Conflict and Victory over Evil**

Thursday, March 11

**Moral Influence or Exemplar Theory**

Thursday, March 18

**What difference does it make to you?**

Thursday, March 25

**THURSDAY EVENING SCHEDULE**

6:00 p.m. Simple Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Class Session: How does Christ Save Us?

8:15 p.m. Compline Prayer

8:30 p.m. Leave Taking

Come for dinner, for dinner and classes, or just for the classes!

**SIGN UP FOR CLASSES AT THE MESSAGE CENTER TODAY!**

**ALSO SIGN UP TO HOST A MEAL!** That means you'd bring the salad and beverages that evening, help set the table, and offer hospitality. Soup will be provided.

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## LENT AND EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

### ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

IMPOSITION OF ASHES 12 NOON, 7:30 P.M.

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Ash Wednesday invites us to get real about our human frailty and finitude and to find comfort and strength in God’s unfailing love for us.

### THURSDAYS IN LENT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 25

8:15 P.M. COMPLINE PRAYER

Compline is a gentle, calming prayer service with words and imagery to soothe any soul. Said at the closing of the day, Compline prepares us for nightly rest in God’s peace and daily walking in Christ’s love.

### LENTEN TAIZÉ

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

A Lenten candlelight service of Reflections on the Cross through reading, music, and silence.

### HOLY WEEK

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

7:30 P.M. SERVICE OF FOOT WASHING WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

Journey deeper into discipleship by following Christ’s act of humble service, the washing of feet. This is a moving service of symbol and servanthood.

#### GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 12 NOON AND 7:30 P.M.

Explore the mystery and power of the cross.

Find comfort and strength in Christ’s solidarity with human suffering.

### EASTER

#### THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, SUNDOWN

Hear the story of your salvation like you’ve never heard it before.

This is what we wait all year for....

#### EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 7:30 AND 9:30 A.M.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

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## LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

### HEALING OURSELVES AND A HURTING WORLD: A LENTEN MEDITATION

Lenten devotionals will soon be available in the Message Center. Lent offers a time for thoughtful reflection on how God calls us to love our neighbors and ourselves more deeply. This year, Episcopal Relief and Development invites us to journey through Lent reflecting and praying on the theme "Healing Ourselves and a Hurting World." This devotional will inspire us to reflect on our own lives and our relationship with a world in pain. Pick up your Lenten devotional on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

### WELCOME LENT ACTIVITY CALENDAR: LENTEN DEVOTIONAL FOR CHILDREN

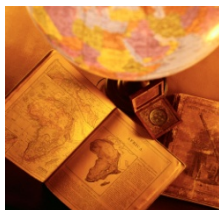
You've heard of an Advent calendar; well, welcome to the world of Lenten calendars. You and your child can explore an interactive open-and-learn calendar that will invite the entire family to participate in Lent. Behind each lift-and-flip tab is an activity for children to complete with their families—like making a donation to a food pantry or planting flowers. Suggested scripture readings can also bring families together in prayer. (Appropriate for children aged 4-9)

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Mark your calendar and plan to join us on **Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00 p.m. for beverages, 6:30 p.m. for dinner!** Sign up sheet is in the message center. The theme for this month is Italian Food Potluck. Questions? Call Joan Fox at 630-325-8620 or [joanjeffox@aol.com](mailto:joanjeffox@aol.com).

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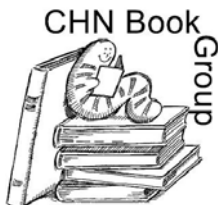


### ***AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES***

We had a successful sale and many of us got some treasures. We thank Pam Goodrich and Mary Lu Connally for running this event for us once again. Way-to-go, Ladies!

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## ***THE ATTACK***

"Gripping, dynamic . . . Both a fierce rendering of geopolitical tensions and a plea for peace." The New York Times, reviewing *The Attack* by Yasmina Khadra.

*Submitted by Carol Park*

This month's book group selection is a novel that tells the story of an Arab-Israeli surgeon at a hospital in Tel Aviv. *The Attack* shows us the daily tensions between Arabs and Israelis and the sectarian violence that tears families apart. The author is a former Algerian army officer whose previous book, *The Swallows of Kabul*, received great acclaim. Several copies of *The Attack* are available at the Hinsdale Library for all suburban library card-holders and can be found at local bookstores. Amazon sells it for \$10.

We'll discuss the novel after church on **Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.** Please join us. Newcomers to the group are always welcome. Call or email Carol Park if you have questions. (630-325-4518; [park2@comcast.net](mailto:park2@comcast.net))

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**REHEARSALS** are held each **Wed. night at 7:30 p.m.** We need your voice! If you are in high school – 99 years old, “there is a place in the choir” for YOU! Contact Marianne at 630-972-1873 or [mmthompson54@comcast.net](mailto:mmthompson54@comcast.net) with any questions.

*Submitted by Marianne Thompson*

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## ***BUILDING AND GROUNDS...LOOKING TO GROW...***

*Submitted by Sue Crowell*

Buildings and Grounds is looking to expand our committee. You don't need be a Mr. or Mrs. Fix-it or even own a tool belt. Our committee meets almost monthly, 10 times a year, with meetings lasting 1-2 hrs. We review/inspect the exterior and interior spaces for maintenance needs, call vendors, secure bids, and organize the parish workdays. Of course if you can paint a wall or handle a circular saw you are welcome too.

If you are interested in this ministry please contact Sue Crowell at 630-932-8032 or [suecrowell@comcast.net](mailto:suecrowell@comcast.net) . Our next meeting is **Monday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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	Claire Dillon		Susan Tiemstra
8	Samantha Birch	17	Louisa Hallas
	Nate Anderson		Georgi Johnston
9	Randy Pippen	24	Martha Garnett
	David Bossert		Jody Collins
10	Susan Bailey	25	Maleah Lixiao Crowley
11	Kathleen Simms	27	Becky Wilcox
14	Val Birch	28	Katie Dillon

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**BIRTHDAY EMAILS** (copy and paste in internet address window)

If you follow this address you can bring up the months birthday list. Alongside each birthday date and person (if they have an email address) is a little envelope icon. Click on the icon and it will bring up a window where you can write your birthday message to the person of the day!

<http://www.mychurchbirthdays.com/birthdays.aspx?id=2274766>

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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE** <http://www.holynativity-church.org>

Previous issues of the Angelus can be viewed or downloaded from the website...the next Supper Club date and main course are listed under activities...a calendar of church events...birthday listings...special events...too much to list here.

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Tricia and Chris are proud to announce the arrival of Ava Therese Sbertoli. She is 6 lbs, 4 oz, 19.5 inches long and she was born by C-section at 6:48pm on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. She was just too excited to wait for the scheduled Feb 1st appointment so she had to come early. She's already demanding!

Thank you for all of your prayers and well-wishes.

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**NEXT TAIZÉ SERVICE**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at CHN**

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## ***UPDATE ON HIRING A CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTER***

### Why would a Children and Family Minister serve God's ministry among us well?

CHN continues to gather families with young children to ourselves. This communicates a hopeful message about where we are now and is a promising message for our future. Families with children have been our largest growing demographic during my three years at CHN. Since 2006, 15 new families with children have joined our community of faith, including 23 children. This is very good news! We have grown from a total of 26 children and youth in 2006 to 43 children and youth currently affiliated with CHN. Currently, 15 of those young people are tended in Jr. and Sr. High ministries and the remaining 28 are nursery, preschool, or elementary aged. 28% of our church is comprised of families with children under 18.

In order to encourage this energy and growth, we need to support our ministry to children and families. In order to give this ministry and the people it serves space in which to grow and mature, we need to resource this ministry. The success of this ministry over the past three years is primarily due to the incredible dedication, creativity, and care of the 22 volunteers who teach and care for our children and youth. In addition, I spend a good portion of my time recruiting and organizing volunteers, choosing curriculum, training teachers, creating lesson plans, scheduling teachers, recruiting teachers for diocesan trainings, troubleshooting, and trying to work with dedicated volunteers to staff nursery. However, I believe our ministry to children and families is reaching capacity (and some might say over capacity in the nursery), with volunteers already giving a lot of time and with my attention and time spread over many different areas of ministry and oversight. In order for us to continue to serve the children and families in and beyond our community, I believe we would be well served to employ a part time staff person to tend and care for this ministry both creatively and administratively.

### What Would a Children and Family Minister do?

Here are some possibilities:

- Organize and administer our Christian Education program
- Recruit and train volunteer teachers for Christian Ed
- Schedule continuing education and training for teachers, both curriculum trainings and trainings such as Keeping God's People Safe
- In conjunction with priest, create periodic ministry opportunities that would support families and parents
  - Orientations that keep parents informed about their child's Christian formation
  - evening sessions about parenting your teen, your preschooler...
  - or about transitions in life and family such as moving from K to elementary, or elementary to middle, or death, or divorce...
  - or talking to you child about sex
  - or praying with your child/praying as a family
  - nurturing your child's spirituality at home
- In addition to priest, schedule coffees, meals, visits with parents within and beyond our community of faith
- Plan Quarterly events for preschool and elementary aged children both within and beyond our community (as an outreach to our local community and as another "entry point" into our community)
  - could include Teachers Planning Day programs, service opportunity, art day....
- Recruit, schedule, and train volunteers for nursery
- Develop a Children's Chapel for preschoolers during nursery time
- Organize lesson plans and teachers for the 4 different curriculum used with our 4 different age groups

- In conjunction with the priest, plan ways to integrate children and youth into liturgy in creative and authentic ways
- Inventory, upkeep, and organize Christian Ed and classroom supplies (computers, art material, Godly Play materials, food/snacks...)
- Help to “decorate” the Christian Ed space in a way that is more inviting to children and families
- Plan teacher appreciation meals....

This is simply an initial list of possible ministry opportunities a person with 10-12 hours a week dedicated to children and families could do. The Children and Family Minister Planning Team will continue to hone this into a job description.

Qualifications:

- BA in an Education related field and/or equivalent experience working with children and families
- A passion for working with children and families, and an interest in helping them explore and develop their faith

We Heard from You:

During our Listening Sessions, we heard from you that this position was important for several reasons. Among those reasons was to support a very strong ministry already among us, to ensure the future of our church and our ministry in this community, to reach out to others in the community, to create a more welcoming environment for families with children and to have a dedicated staff person who could develop this ministry further while creating space for your rector to expand her focus. We also heard that it was important to you that this employee be hired from beyond the parish. Finally, in addition to your verbal feedback, you gave us feedback through your pledges. In order to make this possibility a reality, we needed to be able to increase our budget. We not only met, but exceeded our Stewardship Goals thanks to your very generous giving. This puts us in a very good position to hire another staff person.

Next Steps:

- The Children and Family Ministry Team will create a job description
- The job description will be posted through appropriate venues.
- Once we have a slate of candidates, we will begin interviews.
- My goal is to have a Children and Family Minister in place by early Summer.

Thank you all for your thoughtful feedback and your generous support. Please continue giving your thoughts and feedback to the Team: Jeff Dillon, Jody Collins, Liz LeBaron, Rich Birch, Becky Wilcox, Elaine Dempesy, and Aimée Delevett.

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Judy Fox, mother of Jef Fox and former CHN parishioner died Tuesday, January 26 in Naples, FL. Cards can be sent to Jef and Joan at 5544 Clarendon Hills Rd., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. The memorial service will be in May.

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## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Submitted by Robin Reeves*

The altar flowers which adorn our sanctuary every Sunday morning are generously donated by parish members in honor or memory of loved ones, special people or events.

Thank You, to all who continue to give funds for the beautiful flower arrangements. They help mark this time and space as sacred by bringing some of God's natural beauty indoors for us to ponder as we engage in the ancient ritual of our Sunday service.

For those who want to participate in this tradition, there is a Schedule where you may sign up for a particular Sunday located on the counter at the message center (counter located on west side of Ford room). There are nine more Sundays available those who would like to honor a loved one celebrate a birthday, anniversary, commitment or remember a loved one who has passed.

Dates still free in 2010 are: Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, Aug.15, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, and Oct.31<sup>st</sup>.

The fee for an arrangement is \$47.50. In the spirit of community you are encouraged to share the cost of an arrangement with another family. The fee for each family would then be only \$23.75. Remembrances for each family will be noted in the Sunday bulletin

A check for the flowers can be dropped in the collection plate or sent to the office. Make sure you Note "Sunday Flowers" on the check so the counters will know how to credit your account.

Lastly, in an attempt to keep the costs as low as possible and as an effort to conserve, we "CHOOSE TO REUSE" by asking that you return the original black plastic vase to the church within 1 to 3 weeks after you have taken the flowers home. There will be a container located under **the last pew** across from to the "Disabled Entrance" in the Church (located on the south/west corner of the church). Simply remove any dead plant material from the container, pour out any remaining water and **place it in the marked container under the pew**. In this way the florist will be able to pick up the used vases for RECYCLING when they deliver our flowers each Saturday. The florist will take care of the green stuff, wire cage and tape on the pot so you don't need to remove it. Just drain the pot to the extent possible, if it's still a little wet, not to worry.

The "Flower Ministry" thanks you for your cooperation and generosity in this effort.

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## **SUDAN VIDEOS**

Bishop Jeffrey Lee and the Sudan Media Team have returned from their two week trip to the Diocese of Renk, Sudan. A member of the team, the Rev. Kevin Goodman, produced three video reports of their experience, and posted them to YouTube. Below are the links and a summary of the people and places visited. Because of the lack of internet connections, the team was unable to post reports during their time in Sudan.

### **Sudan Video One**

January 9, 2010

<http://www.youtube.com/user/SaintJamesCathedral#p/a/u/2/UNwMoaf1AuM>

Khartoum , Renk Town , message from Sudan Primate Daniel Deng Bul

**Sudan Video Two**

January 11, 2010

<http://www.youtube.com/user/SaintJamesCathedral#p/a/u/1/lrJBCK-ICE4>

St. Luke's Church, Renk Town ;; Glory Church , Renk Town ; St. Matthew's Cathedral, Renk Town; Renk Theological College and medical clinic; new church consecration St. Paul, in Halaga; St. Barnaba Church, Geiger

**Sudan Video Three**



January 16, 2010

<http://www.youtube.com/user/SaintJamesCathedral#p/a/u/0/4lbJHzZ6AcA>

St. John's , Mellut; medical clinic and school, Mellut; St. Barnabas, Maban; church plant, Maban County ; former mosque converted to church, St. Stephen's, North Pelouch; St. Andrew's, Wadokona.

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**FEBRUARY 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 3 EPIPHANY 7:30 & 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist ANNUAL MEETING Deacon Kathie preaches <b>10:45 AM</b> Church School <b>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Junior High Youth <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Senior High Youth	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting in the Downstairs Conference Room <b>10:30 AM</b> Pastoral Care Meeting in the Downstairs Conference Room <b>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Youth Parents Meeting in Downstairs Conference Room <b>7:00 PM - 9:15 PM</b> EFM Meeting-Ford Room/Sacristy	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the Comfy Room	<b>3</b> <b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal in the Nave and Ford Room	<b>4</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Children and Family Minister Committee	<b>5</b> <i>Office closes at noon</i> <i>Rector's Day Off</i> <b>6:00 PM</b> Pre-Lenten Men's Retreat at DeKoven Center, WI	<b>6</b> Pre-Lenten Men's Retreat at DeKoven Center, WI ends at 4:00 PM <b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Marianne's Practice in the Nave
<b>7</b> 4 EPIPHANY 7:30 & 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist <b>10:45 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:45 AM</b> Church School <b>11:30 AM</b> All Acolyte Training <b>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Junior High Youth <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Senior High Youth	<b>8</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Clarendon Hills Women's Club <b>7:00 PM</b> Buildings and Grounds Meeting in Downstairs Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Coventry Meeting in Ford Room <b>7:00 PM - 9:15 PM</b> EFM Meeting-Downstairs Area	<b>9</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Discernment Group Meeting in the Ford Room	<b>10</b> Bettie on vacation <b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal in the Nave and Ford Room	<b>11</b> Bettie on vacation <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> The Youth Minister's Network Meeting in the Ford Room	<b>12</b> Bettie on vacation <i>Office closes at noon</i> <i>Rector's Day Off</i>	<b>13</b> Bettie on vacation <b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Marianne's Practice in the Nave
<b>14</b> 7:30 & 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Bettie on vacation LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY <b>9:30 AM</b> Jazz Service <b>10:45 AM</b> Church School <b>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Junior and Senior High Youth Decorate for Fat Tuesday	<b>15</b> Bettie on vacation President's Day <b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting in the Downstairs Conference Room <b>7:00 PM - 9:15 PM</b> EFM Meeting-Ford Room/Sacristy	<b>16</b>  <b>SHROVE TUESDAY</b> Bettie on vacation <b>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Pancake Supper/Plate-A-Thon	<b>17</b>  Louisa's Birthday Services 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Office closes at noon</i> <i>Rector's Day Off</i>	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Marianne's Practice in the Nave
<b>21</b> 1 LENT 7:30 & 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist <b>10:45 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:45 AM</b> Church School <b>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Junior High Youth <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Senior High Youth	<b>22</b> <b>7:00 PM - 9:15 PM</b> EFM Meeting-Downstairs Area <b>7:30 PM</b> DARC Meeting in Nave	<b>23</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Brown Bag & Bible - Lenten Bible Study	<b>24</b> <b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal in the Nave and Ford Room	<b>25</b> <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Lenten Series	<b>26</b> Jr. & Sr. Youth Famine Lockin begins <i>Office closes at noon</i> <i>Rector's Day Off</i> <b>6:00 PM</b> Supper Club in the Ford Room - Italian Potluck	<b>27</b> Jr. & Sr. Youth Famine Lockin Ends <b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Marianne's Practice in the Nave
<b>28</b> 2 LENT 7:30 & 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist <b>10:45 AM</b> Book Club Meets at CHN <b>10:45 AM</b> Church School						

